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TODAY'S NEWS

Over-educated? Or happy in your work?

Some employers are wary of college graduates who are "over-qualified" and "over-educated"; but they shouldn't be, because not all graduates are high-fliers, the personnel managers' annual conference heard yesterday. The conference was also told that most employees are happy with their workplace and the way they are managed - and that trade unions are re-inventing themselves as providers of welfare services to their members. Page 10

Donnygate

A Blair family friend has admitted authorship of pamphlets which have become the subject of a legal battle with Kevin Hughes, MP for Doncaster and a junior Labour whip. Page 7

Climate pressure

Environmentalists believe that pressure from Tony Blair and Helmut Kohl is the best hope for persuading Bill Clinton, the American president to toughen his country's stance on pollution before the Kyoto global warming summit. Page 5

Square Britannia?

Tony Blair may not be so cool after all. We have evidence that he enjoys the music of the man who wrote "Una Paloma Blanca". Page 3

SEEN & HEARD

A transexual confused London police so much that they asked a court to rule on whether 'he' should be a 'she' when arrested for trying to pick up men in the street, jason "Jackie" McAuliffe, 27, told Marylebone magistrates yesterday that vice squad officers wanted the court to tell them how she should be charged - as a man or a woman. She won when the Crown Prosecution Service agreed to drop charges alleging that she is "a man". Her success was short-lived - she left the court £60 poorer having been found guilty of importuning in Bayswater.



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Louise Woodward, the British nanny, testifying at her trial in Massachusetts for murder Photograph: Ted Fitzgerald/Reuters

Teenage innocent or a killer? Woodward speaks

So what is the image that fits Louise Woodward? A nanny so frustrated with her lot that she was driven to commit murder or a hapless teenager who became enmeshed in a tragic train of events?Yesterday, at last, she took the stand.

The thing that almost never happens in American murder trials finally happened yesterday: Louise Woodward, the teeoage Briton facing charges of infanticide, weot

mto the box. Under questioning by her lawyer, Andrew Good, she began with this, unwavering denial: Matthew Eappen, the boy who had beeo in her care from November last year until last February and whom she is accused of killing, suffered no physical violence from her, oo kicking, no hitting, no slamming of

With almost no preamble or warning, Mr Good asked: "Miss Woodward, did you ever shake Matthew Eappen violently?" Her answer: "No": "Did you ever hit Matthew?" "No"; "Did you ever slam Matthew about the head?" "No"; "Did you ever slam him at all?" "No"; "Did you do anything to hurt

Matthew Eappen?" "Never". The sense of anticipation in court was most palpable as she described the moment she found Matthew lying in his crib on the afternooo of 4 February in a state of obvious physical distress. "He seemed offcolour," the defendant began. "His eyes were half-closed, he wasn't breathing properly, he was gasping. I tried to help him myself. I tried to give him CPR [cardiopulmonary resuscitation], then I called

911 [the emergency services]". The prosecution alleges that, in a fit of anger with a child that was fretful, Ms Woodward took Matthew, and fatally assaulted him by shaking him violently and hitting his head against a hard object.

When Ms Woodward came to describe in detail the events of 4 February she sobbed as she told the jury how the baby had been distressed and crying. After giv-

BY DAVID **USBORNE**

ing him a bath she had laid him in his cot while she washed her hands. When she returned he was silent and looked blue in colour. She tried to revive him and he vomited slightly but it sooo became apparent that he had died.

Asked to describe the moments when Matthew showed the first symptoms of his collapse, Ms Woodward's demeanour transformed as she began to cry and choke oo

"I was very frightened, I panicked. I laid him down ... I put my fingers in his mouth ... I felt inside his mouth and there was nothing there. I tilted his head back ... I tried to breathe for him," she said.

She went on to describe sitting on a bed with the distressed child: "I put him away from me, his head lolled back and I could see that something was really wrong. I really, really panicked and I lay him on the bed and I started screaming his name and I was clapping around his head.

"Before being granted a five-minute break to recompose herself, Louise described being unable to get through on the telephone to either of the boy's parents and

COURT EXCHANGE

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The defence, which was expected to rest wheo Ms Woodward leaves the stand, has argued, with the help of several medical experts, that the child had a previous head injury that had remained undetected until re-hleeding occurred from a blood clot that triggered his sudden neurological collapse and evectual death.

Mr Good elicited a picture from Ms Woodward of an experience with two successive families in America, initially with Komishane family and, from November, the Eappens, that was mostly happy and loving with only one issue straining relations in both bomes - Ms Woodward's unwillingness to submit to a nightly curfew set by the pareots.

The astonishment, at least in the American legal community, that greeted Mr Good's pledge at the very outset of the trial to bring the defendant to the stand arises from the risk she will be running once direct examination is over and the lectern is passed to the prosecution.

Above all, the prosecution, which has maintained an aggressive style with all the defence witnesses, is sure to zero in on apparent inconsistencies in statements made by the accused first to the baby's mother, Deborah Eappen, and to the police at the time of the arrest.

While she apparently told Mrs Eappen that she did nothing to shake or harm the boy's head, the police have said that she admitted to a mild shaking of the boy and to allowing his head perhaps to drop a few inches on to the bathroom floor.

Testifying about the curfew that the Eappen family attempted to impose on her, Ms Woodward highlighted what was apparently a problem of cultural differences between practices in Britain and the US.

She said she told Mr Eappen she did oot want a curfew, "because I had never had one ever in England, I simply wasn't used to having one and I could take on the responsibility of deciding wheo I should be coming home and when I should be going to bed".

The trial continues on Monday wheo Ms Woodward will be cross-examined by

World holds its breath as shares crash

kicked off a frantic 24 hours mood. in the world's stockmarkets. although the fall-out in other financial centres was not as severe as it might have been.

While Hong Kong shares shed a tenth of their value, the Hang Seng index falling by a record oumber of points, London's stock market declined more modestly.

The gamhliog-crazy inhabitants of Hong Kong continually checked the latest share prices on their pagers, but the streets of the City of Loodon were calm and sedate.

At one stage during the day the FTSE100 index had shed 222 points. It ended 157 points lower at 4,991.5, the biggest fall in numbers of points since 1987 and the largest drop in relative terms since the 1992 exchange rate

is this the long-feared latter-day Great Crash? There were sighs of relief wheo yesterday furned out not to be a "Black Thursday". But today will be another tense day because many investors think shares have riseo crazily out of line with the true value of the husinesses they arein.

If they are right, a crash is inevitable. Wheo it happens it will cut millions of people's pensions and could plunge the US and British economies into recession.

The anniversary of the October 1987 crash has kept dicting a full-blown crash for the more superstitious traders a year if this time they are on edge all week. The Government's disas-

trous muddle over Emu at the

weekend and the launch of a

new trading system on the

A catastrophic drop in shares stock exchange on Monday in Hong Kong yesterday did not improve anybody's

> Luckily, the opening plunge oo Wall Street was partly reversed before Loodon closed, although it gathcred steam later.

> A full-hlown crisis was averted yesterday with investors in popular shares, such as the Halifax, British Gas and BT making modest paper losses.

But more important investments most people make through pension funds and insurance policies will be fairly much unscathed by one day's share price falls.

These will start to matter only if yesterday's decline in the US Dow Jones index spreads the cootagion back to Hong Kong and around the globe again today.

Some financial commentators believethe South East ancial crisis that led to the collapse in Hong Kong's shares yesterday could be the catalyst for a crash poised to hap-

Shares traded oo Wail Street are worth a third more than 12 months ago, when the Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan, was already critical of the stockmarket's "irrational exuberance".

Andrew Smithers, an investment adviser, said: "Wall Street is more overvalued than it was in 1929."It is little comfort that bears like him wroogly have been pre-

- Diane Coyle, Economics Editor Business, page 23 Outlook, page 25

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And all because les femmes hate Milk Tray

He may be suave, mysterious and acrobatic, but if the Milk Tray man wants to plant his nut clusters in the bondoirs of Europe his calling card will have to be stamped with the words: "Chocolate made with 5 per cent veg-

Yesterday, it finally became clear why he has to dive from 200ft high cliffs in order to sneak boxes of chocs on board Mediterranean yachts after dark: because Euro-legislators have banned his goodies from the

To the astonishment of British politicians - and the wicked delight of rabid Eurosceptics such as Teresa Gorman and Teddy Taylor - French, Dutch and Belgian MEPs joined forces to ban the term "milk chocolate" to describe chocolate made by the traditional British and Irish method. Chocolate made in Britain and Ireland has been banned in Europe since

1973 because it contains 5 per cent vegetable fat. The vegetable fat is not included to make the product more cheaply, but to enhance tex-

ture and to make it shiny. However, its inclusion has resulted in other European countries - who make their chocolate only with cocoa butter - calling British and Irish chocolate inferior and impure. The European Commission, aware that companies like Cadbury and Nestlé were excluded from huge markets, proposed allowing exports as long as they were clearly marked "contains up to 5 per cent

vegetable fat". Unfortunately, the proposal was hijacked by foreign Euro MPs who voted 306-112 to wipe out an earlier exceptioo allowing the manufacturers to call their products "milk chocolate" in their home markets, If ratified, their decision means the expression "milk chocolate" can no longer be used - and an alternative description has not been found, "Milk Chocolate

made with a high milk conteot" appears to be the favourite. If they want to get on to European shelves, the companies will have to mark their bars clearly on the front, although brand names like "Cadbury's Dairy Milk" and "Milk Tray" are unlikely to be affected.

Teresa Gorman took the opportunity to spread the anti-European gospel. "It makes Willy Wonka and his chocolate factory look positively sane," she said. "God knows why we belong to this ridiculous organisation - the idea that it's a free market is ridiculous. It's one of the biggest protectionist. markets ever devised and we are crazy to think it's an advantage." So, too, did Teddy Taylor. It was the "most outrageous example of European interfereoce we have ever had", be said.

For the British chocolate manufacturers, who churn out 500,000 tonnes a year, a change that should have been sweet has left a bitter taste. "We wouldn't be able to call what we've been making for 100 years milk chocolate," said Richard Frost, spokesman for Cadbury. "It's disproportionate - we're talking about an ingredient that makes up 5 per cent of the product." In truth, however, any such ruling wouldn't be all bad. The manufacturers would get access to bundreds of millions of potential oew cusomers all over Europe. And the proposals have to be approved by the Council of Ministers, the Commission and a full majority of MEPs. So there's plenty of time for a fudge.

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PEOPLE



Cherie Booth describes life in bed with Tony

Margaret Thatcher's habit of rising early in the morning was legendary. However, it seems that Tony Blair lingers a little longer in the comfort of his bed - at least according to his wife.

Writing "exclusively" for a Government publication. Cherie Booth QC reveals how her day begins between 6.45am and 7am when daughter Kathryn dives into their bed, closely followed by son Nicky.

It is only then, at an hour by which Mrs Thatcher would have carried out one privatisation and . drawn up plans for another, that Ms Booth and partner stir from the bed. In the Government Legal Services Journal she writes: "We then get up and overseethe children's breakfast and departure for school".

But lest the nation gained the impressioo that Tony Blair lays abed while his fellow citizens are leaving for work, Downing Street insisted yesterday that despite the impression giveo by his wife, the Prime Minister was often up well before this hour. "He is usually up before Mrs Blair," said a source. "Partly out of natural inclination, partly because of work."

The bedchamber information comes in a first persoo article in the Journal entitled "A Day in the Life

Six strippers

Weddings

movie ever made.

overtake Four

A left-wing Glaswegian extends

and decorator is set to overtake a

floopy-fringed, upper-class En-

glish fop as the most popular British movie star in UK cinema

Robert Carlyle, right, has pow-

ered The Full Monty to the point

of overtaking Hugh Grant's Four

Weddings and a Funeral, as the

The story of unemployed

money and self-esteem has earned

weeks ago. This weekend, it is ex-

pected to overtake Four Weddings

which took £27.8m in 22 weeks on

Monty is still trailing the Hugh

Grant tove story which had

transatiantic appeal thanks to the

Io the United States, The Full

of Cherie Booth OC". Ms Booth describes how, at her Chambers in central London, she and fellow barristers have a "lively debate" about the news and that "I often get my leg pulled about my latest photograph".

Despite her enormous pressure of work combining the "variety of a barrister's life with being the wife of the Prime Minister", she still manages time to visit a gym two or three times a week. And life still revolves around her family. Ms Booth says she likes to spend her early evenings helping the children with their homework before putting them to bed.

Later though, it can be a more solitary life for Britain's First Lady. "After dinner when Tony is working oo his boxes. I will either read my briefs or catch

Life in SW1 rather than in their former North London home does have some advantages, at least in the mornings. "I am usually last to leave the house," she explains, "But since Downing Street is so near to the Inns of Court I actually arrive in Chambers earlier than I did when we lived in Islington." - Michael Streeter

More delay for **McAliskey**

were adjourned for a third time yesterday by a magistrate because she was still to attend court.

The stipendiary magistrate, Nicholas Evans, sitting at London's Bow Street Magistrates' Court, refused an application to contioue the extraditioo proceedings at a London psychiatric hospital where McAliskey, who is suffering from a mental illness, is

biggest earning British-produced oo release in just 634 screens. It a patient. Ms McAliskey, 25, is wanted by the German authorities in coobeen due to word-of-mouth rec-Sheffield steelworkers who turn to ommeodations because the film oection with a mortar bomb attack stripping in front of women for has had little marketing support. on a British Army barracks io Os-Four Weddings and a Funeral took nabruck last summer.

£26.8m since its release eight over £100m at box offices world-McAliskey, daughter of former wide for its makers Channel 4. It nationalist MP Bernadette also earned the channel lucrative McAliskey, is currently in a secure revenues from video sales and admother and baby unit suffering from post natal depression folvertising sales when it was broadlowing the birth of her daughter Carlyle has been tipped for in May. Miss Arvinder Sambei, ap-Hollywood, but the one-time trade pearing on behalf of the German union activist has so far eschewed government, told the magistrate presence of Andie McDowell, the temptations of Los Angeles, today that McAliskey was "unwell hut has taken £16m in 10 weeks preferring Glasgow and gritty roles. and unable to attend".

UPDATE

<u>HEALTH</u>

Women facing coronary epidemic

Heart disease, traditionally the great leveller of middle-aged men, is oncourse to become an epidemic in older women, it was claimed yesterday? More women than men already die from heart attacks in hospital, according. to one recent international study. And in the United States, the number of women who die from coronary heart disease each year outnumbers men.

Professor Nanette Wenger, from the Emory University School of: Medicine, in Atlanta, Georgia, warned of an explosion of heart disease; in women unless preventative measures were taken.

Writing in the British Medical Journal, she said: "A white post-menopausal woman in the United States is 10 times more likely to die of heart disease than of breast cancer. But most women do not understand the coronary threat. Studies show that women do not usually list heart disease among the health problems they consider most important." In the UK, about 150 women per 10,000 die each year from heart disease compared with around 300 men.

SHOPPING

Public happy with pirate goods

Despite receot safety scares surrounding fake car components and children's goods, 40 per cent of the buying public will knowingly purchase counterfeit products, according to a survey previewed yesterday. The survey also found two thirds are unaware that the profits from counterfeit-

ing fund organised crime. The MORI report, Public Attitudes to Counterfeiting, was commissioned by the Anti-Counterfeiting Group and was previewed at their conference in York yesterday. It reveals the public's ambivalent attitude towards product counterfeiting. Key findings include that one in six of the buying public are not aware of counterfeit products, and 29 per cent would do nothing if they discovered they had purchased a take. Those groups most likely to knowingly huy counterfeit goods are meo and 15-24 year olds.



Buyers in dark about contamination

The majority of potential homeowners are being kept in the dark about . whether the home they plan to buy is built but land that was ouce cootaminated by industrial activity, according to a report out today. Private builders, estate agents and bousing associations recity include informa-tion in their sales particulars and documents about the past containina-tion of land, even when such problems have been successfully treated.

The research, carried out by Dr Paul Syms of Sheffield Hallam University, also found that a lack of clarity in the relationship between planners, environmental health officers and central government led to confusioo over the handling of planning applications for developing cootaminated sites because no single body is responsible for making sure they have been made safe for development.

— Amanda Kelly

TOURIST RATES

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Austria (schillings)	19.87	Japan (yen)	194.77
Belgium (francs)	56.36	Maka (lira)	0.62
Canada (\$)	2.21	Netherlands (guilders)	3.18
Cyprus (pounds)	0.82	Norway (kroner)	11.55
Denmark (kroner)	10.83	Portugal (escudos)	286.09
France (francs)	9.49	Spain (pesetas)	238.48
Germany (marks)	2.84	Sweden (kroner)	12.29
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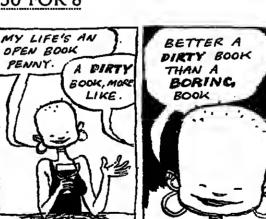
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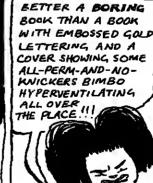














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by Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman

cast last autumn.

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Supermarket leads crusade over designer pricing TOMORROW'S INDEPENDENT

Tesco has lodged a complaint against two designer clothes firms over alleged price fixing. The goal is cheaper brand-name clothes.

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Michael Streeter reveals that the company has more top names in its sights.

Not cooteot with becoming Britain's most successful supermarket, Tesco is conducting a crusade against some of the

nounced that it is lodging a for-mal complaint at the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) against Calvin Klein and Levi Strauss UK, alleging "anti-competitive

trade practices". At the same time, its stores started selling £5.5m of Calvio Klein jeans, noderwear and sweatshirts and hottles of CK One scent, some of it 50 per cent cheaper than in other stores.

Sources, meanwhile, said Tesco was planning to take on yet more top-name labels in the

want to reveal their names and give them time to prepare their defence," said ooe source.

The issues surrounding Tesco's campaign, which pre-viously involved a clash with Adidas, the sportswear firm, are complex but essentially come down to the ability of a retailer to sell what it wants, at the price it wants.

Big-name labels like CK refuse to let Tesco and other su-

biggest names in world fashion.
Yesterday, the company announced that it is lodging a fornext targets are but we don't image for their upmarket prod
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Nigel Griffiths, consumer affine the stores do not have the right and continental Europe to avoid official supply routes. ucts. The supermarkets retort that the designer firms simply want to cootrol the artificially high price of their goods.to boost their profits.

The differences in price can be stark. Tesco claim that, for example, CK boxer shorts selling for \$18.00 (£11.00) in the United States are sold for £19 here. The store is selling them for nearly half the price - £10 -with stocks bought legally on

fairs minister, yesterday en-couraged other supermarkets to challenge the high prices of the . designer clothes, and is holding meetings with stores to bring prices down before Christmas. "I applaud UK retailers taking oo foreign suppliers who are

denied a range of hraoded

overcharging British coo-

John Gildersleeve, Tesco director, said: "We are concerned that our customers are

Adidas and Calvin Klein as shoppers in the US and elsewhere in the world? We hope the OFT will agree that the time has come for change."

The OFT can seek a court order if it finds that companies are using anti-competition practices to control prices. ough such actions are rare.

Other British stores are waiting to see the outcome of the OFT referral, but some have also begun to discount deSafeway stocked a selection of Calvin Klein children's wear, bought in the US, at discount prices. Some shops were sold

out by Monday lunchtime. The accusations of price fixing were dismissed by Levi Strauss yesterday. Mark Elliott, UK spokesman, said they did not set prices for shops. "That

is up to the retailers." There was no initial response from Calvin Klein. A spokeswoman in Milan said: We are awaiting reaction from head office".

Blair goes

over King

Paloma Blanca".

much. But Jonathan King?

loop di love

The independent reveals the most damaging leak yet to hit the Blair government. It will severely dent the Prime Minister's credibility in trying to relaunch the nation as "cool Britannia". Jan Burrell reveals that Tony Blair is a secret fan of Jonathan King, the man who brought the world "Una

He might get Noel Gallagher to come round for a glass of wine, hut Tony Blair's musi-

as "Una Paloma Blanca", "Loop Di Love"

Let Maggie Go" when she was ousted from Mr Blair's current residence in 1990. Next week, the pop pundit is to be honoured as "Man of the Year" by the British Phonographic Industry, the umbrella or-

ganisation representing the music husiness. "Through his understanding of, and en-

thusiasm for great music, Jonathan has undoubtedly brought the best of our industry.

into the hearts of millions of people," the

of an image as "the man they love to hate" in British music. But the Prime Minister is not among the critics. He has written to King

Mr Blair gusbes: "You have made an im-

portant contribution to one of this coun-

try's great success stories and this award is

very well deserved." Mr Blair signs off his

letter in appropriately poptastic language:

"I look forward to your cootinuing deter-

mination to ensure that Great Britain

miration for King is not reciprocated. Told

that he was to receive a message from the

Prime Minister, King was clearly surprised.

of Una Paloma Blanca and you are a man

of no talent and even less charisma', theo

I would think: Thank heavens we have

someone who speaks his mind'," said the

"If he says 'We consider you to be a great ambassador for the industry', then I shall

"If he says 'I have smashed up my copy

Alas for Mr Blair, it appears that his ad-

The choice has attracted considerable murmurings of disapproval, not surprising in view of Mr King's deliberate cultivation

BPI bizarrely claims.

to congratulate him.

means Great Music."

SPORT

Schumacher v Villeneuve: fear and loathing or a fair contest?

MAGAZINE



The greatest modern buildings in the world

TRAVEL

The great race: Plane v Eurostar which gets you to Paris faster?



Wildlife awards: Anup Shah's langur monkeys won an animal behaviour category while Tero Niem's portrait of a great grey owl was highly commended

Winners on the wild side

Three young langur monkeys at play beneath a banyan tree; a magical image from a British photographer which won a category in this year's Wildlife Photographer of the Year

award. Anup Shah, from Hertfordshire, caught the monkeys frolicking in Ranthambore National Park in India. The shot won the Animal Behaviour: Mammals category in the prestigious

award. Anup Shah said of the awardwinning picture: "A troop of langur monkeys ofteo gather on and around the tree, as in this scene. Sometimes the youngsters devised games oo the spur of the momeot, like jumping to catch leaves."

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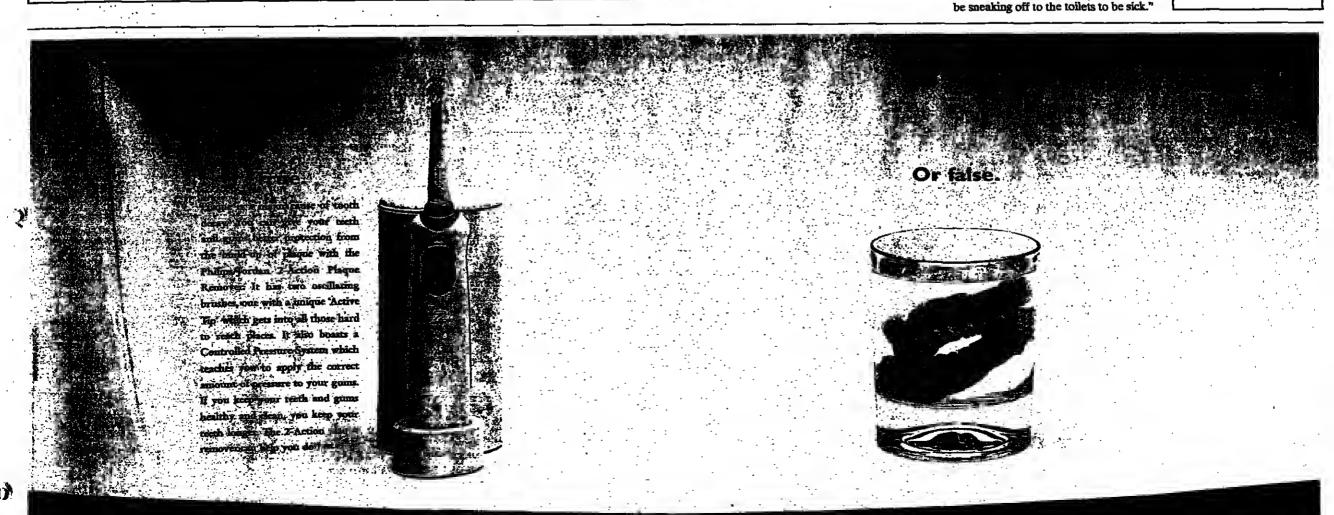
The great grey owl was captured by Swedish photographer Tero Niemi and was highly commended in the Animal Portraits category.

Another Britoo, 16-year-old Rebecca Dean of Surrey, woo the title of Young Photographer of the Year for her picture of a red-winged parrot in the Northern Territory of Australia.

Most winners of categories in previous years have been from abroad. As usual, the photographs this year were of a high quality and an exhibitioo of the best images will be open at the Natural History Museum in Kensington, west London, from to-morrow notil Saturday 28 February



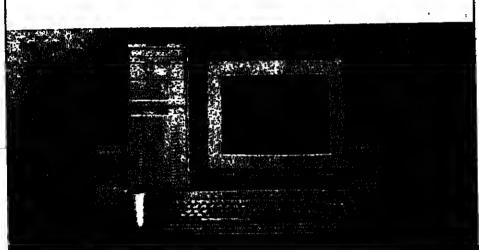




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embarrassment yesterday when it was found in contempt of court for printing an article that halted an IRA trial.

trial for attempting to escape from Whitemoor Prison in Cambridgeshire in 1994. It was their second trial. The first had been halted by a judge because

London's Evening Standard warned the press not to identi-newspaper admitted its serious fy the prisoners' terrorist conwarned the press not to identi-

The Evening Standard published an article in January headlioed "Alcatraz on The five Ites men were on Thumes" about Believesh prison where the men were being held. It accompanied the article with a photograph which identified three of the men as terrorists, and the trial judge of prejudicial publicity, and the threw the case out of court and judge at the second trial had declared that because of the at-

tendant publicity the men could not be tried again.

Lord Justice Kennedy said yesterday that it was clear the apt had been an accident but said he would set a fine at a future date. The Evening editor Max Hastings' "fulsome apologies". At the time of the trial's collapse Mr Hastines had been ordered into court, with the journalist who wrote

article.

David Pannick QC, for the Attorney General, told the court that Mr Hastings issued an internal memo on 28 January this year, six days after the Standard's barrister offered the article was published, referring to the "serious embarrassment" caused to the newspaper by the "failure of judgement and procedure in this office".

The memo continued: "A whole successioo of experi-

to explain and apologise for the enced journalists, all of whom should have known better, bear various degrees of blame for what happened."

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Furthermore, the newspa per's lawyers had oot checked page proofs of the newspaper which included the identifying

The Standard has now tightened its procedures for checking the legal status of stories. . Paul McCann Media Correspondent

Safeguards proposed against photograph manipulation

Safeguards should be introduced to prevent photographs and film evidence being faked or altered through the manipulation of digital computer images, members of the House of Lords were told yesterday There is also a risk of closed-circuit television systems, which are now commonplace in most towns and cities, being used tn abuse individual's privacy.

Justice, the buman rights organisation, giving evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology yesterday, called for strict scrutiny to be introduced to prevent evidence being forged in court cases.

Justice said that oew technology allowed photographs and film be altered without leaving any trace of the fabrication. They called for the malerial to be kept in a secure location and for checkable records to be kept from the momeot it is taken to its appearance in court

--- Jason Bennetto, Crime Correspondent

French jail Liverpool fans

Three Liverpool fans last night started four-month jail sentences as the French authorities sent a clear message to English football hooligans in the run-up to next year's World Cup. James Kerr and Paul Roach, both 32, and Matthew Godden, 21, were convicted of a violeot attack before their team's Uefa Cup tie with Strasbourg on Tuesday. The prosecutor in the case, Nicolas Bessone, had called on the Strasbourg Correctional Court on Wednesday to make an example of them - to send a message to

English fans planning to visit France for the World Cup. They were each sentenced to eight months' prison, with four

New hope for kidney swaps

A pioneering oew drug could dramatically improve the success rate of kidney transplants, a new study showed yesterday. The drug, basilizimah, is an artificially produced aotibody which targets a key element of the immune response that causes rejection of new kidneys

Up to half of patients given kidneys from dead donors experience acute rejection within three months after the operation. In the new trial basilizimab reduced the incidence of acute rejection after six months from 44 per cent to 30 per cent, a significant difference. Just as importantly, it did not cause the severe side effects encountered with traditional immunosuppressive drugs.

Loyalist group collapses

The Combined Loyalist Military Command - the paramilitary umbrella group which called the loyalist ceasefire three years ago - has collapsed, it was confirmed yesterday. But the collapse does not mean the loyalist ceasefire it will is under any threat of breakdown. The CLMC is understood not to have met for at least a year - there has been growing friction between the main bodies within it, the Ulster Freedom Fighters and the Ulster Volunteer



Harriet Harman, Secretary of State for Social Security, says the start of Labour's New Deal for lone parents has seen one in four parents in work; her Tory counterpart put the figure at 5 per cent. Organisations that work with lone parents tell Glenda Cooper, Social Affairs Correspondent, the real priority should be a national childcare strategy.

Three mooths after the New Deal to enment, the scheme is beginning to work, Ms Harman said yesterday.

She claimed one in four single parents who had participated in the pilot scheme had found work. The figures were immediately challenged by Iain Duncan Smith, the Shadow social security secretary who the scheme was a success.

The pilot scheme - at present operating in eight areas - invites single pareots wheo their youngest child is school age to the Job Centre to meet a personal adviser who will help them get back to work. The Government is spending £31m on recruiting 1,000 personal advisors to help find work for Britain's one million single parents.

So far, letters have been scot to 8,600 parents inviting them to the Job Centre. Of childcare in local communities."

these, 2,000 attended interviews and 1,600 agreed to take part in the scheme. Just over: 400 have since found work.

The quarrel over the statistics comes from this - Ms Harman points out that one in four who took part in the scheme have found work and four out of five who have met their personal advisers have stuck with the scheme.

Mr Duncan Smith argues that the large numbers who have not yet responded to their invitation means the success rate is nearer 5 per cent, and that there is oo evidence that these women would not have got jobs anyway.

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Ms Harman said that a cootrol courage single parents back into employ- to monitor the effectiveness of the would yield its first results next April. "T New Deal for Lone Parents shows welfare reform in action," she said.

The charities Gingerbread and the National Council for One Parent Families said that they welcomed the scheme. But they warned that the programme must also besaid that it was far too early to say whether accompanied by a concerted effort to provide childcare.

"If the Government is to build on uninitial success it will have to put in further resources," said Liz Sewell, Garar and Sewell, Garar an chief executive.

The key issue is childcare. Current there is ont conugh to go round and with there is is too expensive. If lone parents and to be able to work, the promised nation childcare strategy must deliver affordable

McDonald's serves up bursaries to loyal undergraduate employees

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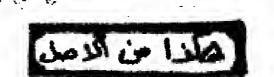
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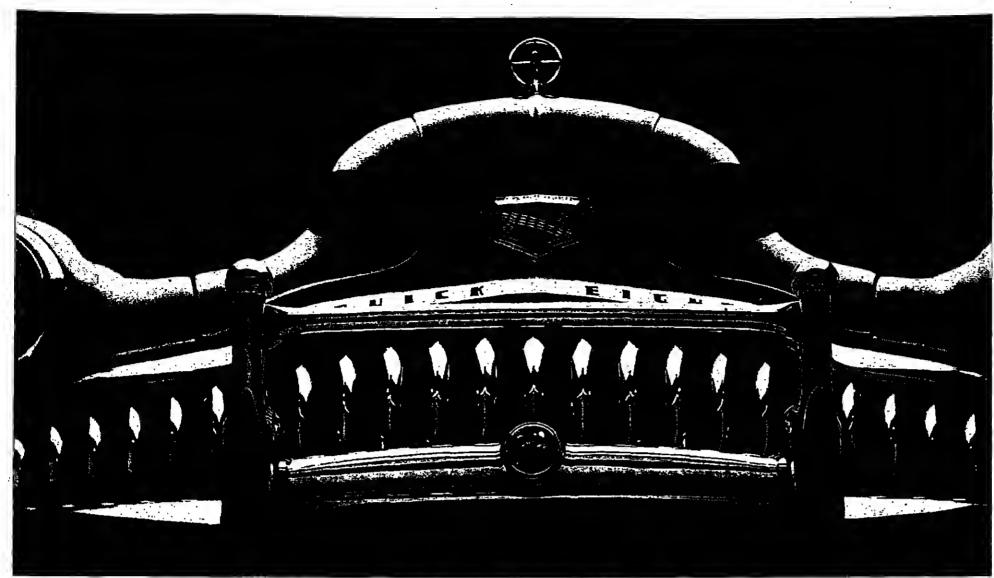
From next year, students gaining the awards will be able fees, being charged nn a meanstested basis as part of a shake-

A survey of Britain's 100 biggest 100 employers pubdirectors and senior recruitment executives are devising was a winner, including emup of undergraduate support. new remuneration packages, ployer and employee, he said

for the loans increase.

Education and burger bursaries yesterday praised the scheme as "exactly lished earlier this week re- the kind of initiative that this to use them to offset new tuition vealed cearly half of persocoel Government welcomes and wants to encourage". Everyone





In great demand: Gas-guzzling pick-up trucks and off-the-road vehicles sell like hot cakes to your average all-American family

Photograph: Robert Harding

Tony Blair and Helmut Kohl are the last, best hope for persuading President Bill Clinton to do more to tackle the climate change threat. Nicholas Schoon, Environment Correspondent, finds other nations highly critical of the White House's too modest proposals.

John Gummer, the former secretary of state for the environment, and Greenpeace's chief global warming campaigner, Bill

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Hare, were in complete agreement yesterday. They said Germany's Chancelfor and Britain's Prime Minister were the best hope for getting the necessary commitments for action out of the glohal warming talks in Japan in December.

Both called on the two leaders to hring the maximum possible pressure to bear on President Bill Clinton in the remaining six weeks. Tony Blair has already asked the Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott to tour several countries which are key players, including the United States and Japan, before the climate summit in Kyoto to try

to forge a consensus for strooger action.
The European Union says the devel-

oped nations must commit themselves to a 15 per cent cut in anoual emissions of "greenhouse gases" by 2010, compared to their 1990 level. But this week, as the last set of preparatory talks hegan in Bonn, the White House said it advocated that emissions from the developed world should be stabilised at their 1990 level by between 2008 and 2012.

Environmentalists and the European Union say this is far too modest a response to the threat of catastrophic changes in climate and rises in sea levels. But yesterday there was a counter-attack from industry, which claimed curbs on the fossil fuels which cause global warming would harm

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economies and cost jobs. Germany, Britain and Japan all expressed disappointment at the President's proposals. France's environment minister, Dominique Voynet, said they were "minimalist and insufficient". But Australia, the world's leading coal exporter, said it was pleased President Clintoo had recognised that different countries had different needs. Australia is unwilling to contemplate any stabilisation or reduction in its fossil fuel use over the next couple of decades.

The major industrialised nations' proposals are oow all out in the open, but only limited progress is expected at the preparatory meeting in Bonn which goes on through this week and cert. Wheo the world's environment ministers gather in Kyoto in December, there are likely to be deep divisions. Some leading environmental groups represented at the Bonn meeting claimed Britain was too weak in its modest and cautious criticism of the White House proposals. Japan's Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, said: "I think that there might have been room for further efforts." His country is taking a middle position, advocating a 5 per ceot cut by 2012.

Raul Estrada-Oyuela, an Argeotine diplomat who is chairman of the current stage of treaty negotiations, said the US offer was "a very modest one".

The United States of excess

■ The average American uses more than twice as much fossil fuel each year as the average Briton

● The UK, with one per cent of the Earth's population, produces two per cent of global warming emissions — from burning coal, oil products and gas. The US, with five per cent of the global population, produces about 20 per cent of total man-made greenhouse gas emissions.

● The average American travelled 19,500 kilometres by car in 1995. The figure for the average Briton was 10,100 kilometres. It's not so much that Americans make longer car journeys, but that they make more car trips.

Petrol costs almost three times as much here. The price of unleaded petrol in the US is about 22p per litre, compared to about 63p in Britain.

● A bottle of mineral water costs more than a gallon of petrol in the U.S.

● The overall fuel efficiency of American cars on the road today is 11.6 litres of petrol consumed for each 100 km driven. The corresponding figure for the UK is nine litres per 100km. Big. gas-guzzling pickup trucks and off-road vehicles sell like hot cakes to ordinary families.

● Americans travel more than twice as many miles each year as Britons on international and domestic flights. Per copito, they travel 2,500 kilometres a year on domestic flights. The UK figure for domestic flights is just 100 kilometres.

● Almost three quarters of US homes have air conditioning — summers are generally much warmer and more humid. And the average American home has 60 per cent more floor area than those in the United Kingdom, thanks largely to generous tax breaks on mortgages

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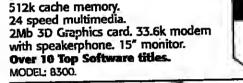
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By-election mud misses Labour's young candidate

The SNP yesterday tried to ignite the sleaze factor in the Paisley South by-election, alleging that Labour was incapable of cleaning up its act in the town. Stephen Goodwin assesses the Government's first real test at the polls.

Approaching Paisley from the motorway west of Glasgow one of the first signs to strike the visitor points to a "dinosaur exhibition". Politics Paisley-style would find a oatural home there.

The by-election caused by the suicide nf Gordon McMaster is taking place against a background of internal Labour inquiries into the conduct of one of the area's MPs - the suspended Tommy Graham - and the running of the faction-ridden party in Renfrewshire.

Meanwhile in Glasgow, nine counciliors are suspended pending the outcome of annther inquiry into the trading of political support for junkets. These might look like inauspicious times for Labour to defend a majority even as comfortable as 12,750 on 6 November. But so far the mud shows little sign of sticking to the party's candidate, Douglas Alexander, who is the opposite of the beer-bellied, time-serving "Jimmys" who have traditionally been handed so many seats in the west of Scotland.

Renfrewshire born and educated, Mr Alexander, 29, qualified as a lawyer in Edinburgh and is a valued aide to the Chancellor, Gordon Brown. The Labour leadership ensured that no one linked with the tainted local party got a look in.

Labour has kept the campaign low-key, focusing an welfare and jabs, and was accused by the Scottish Nationalist Party of "running scared" when it defied convention by not holding daily news conferences.

At the general election Mr McMaster won 57 per cent of the vote. The SNP, which was second with 23 per cent, needs a 17 per cent swing to take the seat. The nationalist's candidate Ian Blackford yesterday challenged Labour over two councillors, Harry Revie and Richard Manser ,who are suspended from the Labour Party but remain convenors of committees and are drawing responsibility allowances worth thousands of pounds a year.

"While Labour have been in a state of civil war, communities in Paisley have been suffering from the effects of Labour sleaze and neglect," Mr Blackford said. "The council can't even ensure that the grass gets cut."

MP acts over 'Donnygate' claims



Under fire: Kevin Hughes - pictured with his wife, Lynda, on election night - has taken legal action over a 'malicious campaign' Photograph: Paul Chappells

Television playwright Ron Rose is a family friend of Tony Blair through his father-in-law Tony Booth. But, as lan Burrell discovered, he has been circulating pamphlets critical of Labour politicians and is now the subject of a legal attack by a party whip.

When Ron Rose was writing the script for his BBC political trilogy Love and Reason, he used Tony Blair as a consultant. A two-hour meeting in the then Opposition MP's London office helped to add a touch of extra authenticity to Mr Rose's tale of in-fighting on a local council in a northern mining com-

In recent weeks Mr Rose has been doing some more writing; a succession of pamphlets, also detailing local polit-

ical intrigue but in the real-life town of Doncaster.

This time Mr Blair may be less happy with the conteots. The pamphlets headed "Donnygate" - include serious allegations of a highly-personal nature which have drawn Mr Rose into a legal battle with the junior Labour whip and Doncaster North MP. Kevin Hughes.

Last week Mr Hughes' solicitors wrote to Mr Rose claiming that the contents, which refer to matters surrounding an extra-marital affair which the MP had eight years agn, were "both untrue and oefamatory". Mr Rose was told to reply within seven days, to confirm or deny that he was the author of Donny-

read: "You got very excited about the authorship of 'Donnygate 1' Kev. On an historical note, you should know that political pamphlets are traditionally annnymous ... Just for the record, Kev, Ron Rose wrote this."

Mr Rose was a Labour councillor in Doncaster between 1986 and 1990. He Doncaster council. was suspended from the party after com-

Tony and is currently working on a television drama based on Mr Booth's reallife love affair with the Coronation Street actress Pat Phoenix, which will be shown in January. Last week Mr Rose made no secret of the fact that he had written the pam-

plaining about the activities of its rul-

ing cabal. He is a long-standing close

friend of Cheric Booth's actor father

phlets. "I would welcome the apportunity to go to court to defend everything I have written. I have no faith in the party to get to the bottom of these matters without help from people like me," he A postscript on the last pamphlet

> Mr Hughes said: "There has been a prolonged and deliberate campaign to malign my character by downright lies and innuendo. The matter has been put

> in the hands of my solicitors." Mr Rose wrote to Mr Blair in 1995,

complaining about the activities on

The Labour-run authority is currently the subject of separate investigations by South Yorkshire Police, the district auditor, and the Labour Party's own Natinnal Executive Committee.

The Independent had earlier reported allegations that a small group of leading councillors appeared to have treated the council as a fund for providing trips. in husiness class, all around the world, without the knowledge of their fellow

At the last election, Mr Hughes, a former miner, successfully defended his seat against a challenge from Neil Swan, a former Doncaster councillor, who stood on an "Against Corruption on Doncaster Council" (AC/DC) ticket. AC/DC targeted Mr Hughes because he is a former councillor who was chairman of the social services committee. although it did not suggest wrongdoing

Peter Mandelson to get five-minute Commons grilling

Peter Mandelson is to face his own fiveminute question time in the Commons. In a move to more open government, backbeoch MPs are to be given an opportunity to question the minister without portfolio for the first time, on 10 November.

Questions are due to start no later than 3.10pm, hut as questions are scheduled for the Lord Chancellor's Department at 3.15pm, it is highly unlikely that there will be time for more than two questions.

The Commons authorities said yesterday that the oew Mandelsoo slot would be a monthly affair for the foreseeable future - until Mr Mandelson achieves his inevitable promotion to the Cabinet.

The one specific job he has been given is overall responsibility for the Millennium Dome, which it attracting strong inlerest across the Commons as a £700m disaster-in-the-making.

A series of Dnme questions tabled this week by Bob Marshall-Andrews QC, Labour MP for Medway, asks Mr Mandelsoo for fees payable to the Richard Rogers Partnership and to M&C Saatchi; details of the tendering process under which M&C Saatchi and Bairdair, contractors, were appointed; and publication nf any accounts of the controlling New Millennium Experience Company, in which Mr Mandelson holds the sole share.

- Anthony Bevins

Winchester poll set for November

The adds on two November by-elections narrowed last night as it became clear that the Winchester contest will take place on 20 November.

The Conservatives will select a candidate for the Beckenham seat next Thursday and look likely to move a writ for the clection soon afterwards, possibly in time for a 27 November poll.

The Winchester election was called after the former Conservative MP, Gerry Malone, lodged a successful court challenge against his two-vote defeat in May by Mark Oaton a Liberal Democrat.

The Beckenham poll was precipitated by the resignation of Piers Merchant, the Conservative MP who was accused of having an affair with his 18-year-old

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Leak undermines Irish peace talks

Leaked documents from the Dublin foreign ministry are casting a shadow over the confidentiality of Irish diplomacy and threatening to effect multi-party talks in Stormont.

A number of secret documents from the Department of Foreign Affairs in Duhlin are circulating several local newspapers in an attempt to damage Professor Mary McAleese a candidate in the Irish presidential election.

The documents include lengthy memos of conversations between Irish diplomats and Professor McAleese

Circulation of such reports is restricted to a small number of people in the higher echelons of the Dublin government.

While it is too early to see whether the documents bave damaged the McAleese campaign, it is already clear that the Foreign Affairs Department's reputation for confidentiality has been seriously undermined.

An indication of this was given in the House of Lords on Wednesday night when the former Ulster Unionist Party leader, Lord Molyneaux, alleged the leaks were more serious than first assumed.

In an attack on the Anglo-Irish secretariat at Maryfield he said: "Such is the treacherous

Two men were arrested yes-

terday by police investigating

the deaths of a young man and

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tin died when their Ford Fiesta

crossed the central reservation

of the A316 dual carriageway

in Hanworth, west London,

and was hit by an oncoming car.

It is believed that the Fiesta may

have been rammed from behind

The two men arrested yes-

terday are aged 49 and 32 and it will be examined."

Toby Exley, 22, and his 20-

"road-rage" incident.

Two held in 'road-rage' hunt

nature of some in the joint secretariat that UK national security information is now heing peddled in the back streets of Dublin and at least four files have been passed to the IRA army council."

His claims were denied by a furious David Andrews, minister for foreign affairs, who declared: "The document deals with political issues and not security matters.

"Lord Molyneaux's claims are extreme and they are not right. These are unwarranted, unfounded and outrageous allegations."

For the Government, the Northern Ireland Office minister Lord Dubs said be had no reason to believe that security had been compromised.

However, the episode may mean that exchanges between the Irish government and Ulster Unionists at the Stormont talks become more stilted.

The leaks are nonetheless being taken extremely seriously in Duhlin. A high-level police investigation has been ordered by the Irisb premicr Bertie Ahern, with a number of journalists, civil servants and politicians already being interviewed by the Gardai.

were held at a house in Farn-

borough, Hampshire, at 7am,

said a Scotland Yard spokes-

man. They have been taken to

separate police stations for

A police spokesman said a

Vauxhall Senator car, which

may have been involved in the

incident, had been found in a

private car park in Farnbor-

ough. "Following information

received, the car was located

ton traffic police garage where

"It has been taken to Hamp-

this morning," he said.

questioning.

David McKittrick Ireland Correspondent

Police used pagers to track drug deal

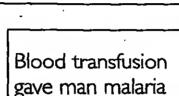
Three drug dealers caught after police monitored their electronic pagers were jailed yesterday for a total of more than 20 years.

Sean Taylor-Sabori, 35, Michael Hahn, 32, and Colin Jones, 49, were sentenced at Bristol Crown Court for conspiring to supply 22,000 ecstasy tablets with a street value of £250,000.

Taylor-Sabori, of Eastville, Bristol, had denied the charge but was found guilty after a trial in September. He jailed for 10 years. Hahn and Jones, both of Southmead, Bristol, admitted their involvement and were given six years and eight months, and three years and eight months respectively.

Commending the police operation that tracked the dealers, Judge John Foley said: "A combination of bard work and modern sophisticated technology has born fruit."

The three men were arrested in January 1996 after a nine-month operation in which police obtained a special court order for "parallel" pagers that enabled them to monitor messages between gang members, and thereby keep track on a consignment of ecstasy arriving from the



Ready to go: A delivery moped built to 145 per cent of its original size, by sculptor Elizabeth Wright, on show at the

opening of the London Electronic Arts Gallery, Hoxton Square, east London, yesterday Photograph: Peter Macdannid

A man aged 78 died after receiving malaria-infected blood in a transfusion, an inquest was told

Cecil Cook, from Little Maplestead, near Colchester, Essex, died from cerebral malaria after falling into a coma in August this year. He contracted the disease after receiving an infected transfusion at Colchester General Hospital where

he was being treated for anaemia. The National Blood Authority apologised to Mr Cook's family yesterday after the Colchester coroner, Dr Malcolm Weir, recorded a verdict of medical misadventure,

The authority's medical director, Dr Angela Rohinson, said new tests had now been introduced. The chance of this happening was less than one in a million - less than being struck by lightning.

"And, with the introduction of new screening tests, the likelihood of this ever happening again will be even more remote."

To the Post Boy

By John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester

are deterring women and Asian students from taking out loans to help fund university study, according to new research. A report by the Policy Studies Institute found over two-

Fears over the burden of debt

thirds of female students who opted not to take out a student loan cited concerns over borrowing as their main reason. The present loans scheme, in place since 1990, may he putting some potential students off going to university at all, the study suggests.

However, the findings also show that, among those who do go on to higher education, loan take-up is highest among the most disadvantaged students.

The study, published today, comes as the Government finalises details of a new student funding system, which will make loans the key element of public funding for student support. From next September, means-tested grants for living costs will be phased out in favour of loans, which will be significantly larger than at present. Students will also have to pay up to £1,000 a year towards mition fees.

The PSI study, "Student Loans: Who Borrows and Why?", is based on a survey of almost 2,000 students in 72

finds fear of debt higher education institutions, conducted in 1996. Under the present system, full-time todergraduates have access to a government-backed loan which averages about £1,500 a year, repayable after graduation once income passes £16,000.

Student loan study

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Researchers found three in five eligible students took out a student loan in 1995-96, with most borrowing the largest sum available. Financial need was the reason given by three-quarters of borrowers, and there were particularly high take-up rates among students from poorer backgrounds and those whose parents did not pay their agreed contribution.

Dr Joan Payne, co-author of the report, urged ministers to monitor patterns of university entrance to ensure poorer students were being excluded.

Asian students were considerably less likely to take out loans than their white counterparts. Greater financial support from within the family, and religious objection among Muslims to borrowing at interest may explain the trend, the researchers say.

Women were more likely than men to decline a loan because of concerns over debt. - Lucy Ward

Education Correspondent

of Tube death'

Driver 'unaware

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PIZZA

The driver of a Tube train which ran over a young boy was unaware of the tragedy until a passenger told him at the next station, it has emerged. Ajit Singh died on Tuesday when the toggle of his anorak became trapped in the doors, pulling him along the platform and finally under the train wheels.

It emerged yesterday that the driver did not even realise that the accident had occurred on the northbound platform of the Piccadilly Line at Holborn station until he reached the next stop, Russell Squarc.

There, a passenger ran to the front of the train to tell the driver who then raised the alarm. The driver of the next train into Holborn discovered nine-year-old Ajit's body on the track and also reported it. However, several people who remained on the platform at Holborn, including the boy's foster father, witnessed the accident. A British Transport Police spokesman said they may not have raised the alarm "because they were so shocked or because they did not believe what they had just seen".

A post-mortem examination on Aiit. from Tottenham in north London, found that he died from multiple injuries.

DAILY POEM

E. coli trial told of health chief's shock at meat sale

An environmental bealth chief was "shocked" to learn that several people had fallen ill with E. coli food poisoning following a party at which meat supplied by John Barr's butcher shop had been eaten - after the hutcher had given him an undertaking not to sell cooked meat, a court was told yesterday.

Graham Bryceland, North Lanarkshire Council's head of protective services, told Hamilton Sheriff Court that be was only given information of the party a week later on 30 November. Mr Bryceland said when he was told of the party he attempted to contact Mr Barr to find out why other meat had been sold.

Mr Bryceland said when Barr arrived at the council offices Motherwell he explained to him that he had been told he was alleged to have sold meats the previous Saturday, 23 November.

He said: "I had received information from a Dr Evans at Lanarkshire Health Board that they had information from the helpline that there had been a party the previous week in Wishaw and that people were ill who attended the party and meat had been supplied by John Barr. The health board had information there had been a huffer with cooked meat allegedly from Mr Barr's. I was quite shocked. Mr Barr had given me an undertaking a week ago on the Friday night that he wouldn't sell cooked meats and here I was being told that he had sold cooked meats and that the people who had attended the party were ill."

Mr Barr denies culpably, wilfully and recklessly supplying cooked meat on 23 November from his shop in Wishaw, having, it is alleged, been told the previous day by health and council officials not to do so. The charge alleges that he supplied 100 slices each of ham, beef, and turkey, knowing they were to be eaten at a function at the Cascade Bar, Wishaw, As a consequence, the charge alleges, several people who ate the meat suffered E. coli 0157 food poisoning. The trial continues.

Council's deadline to reform

A Merseyside council bas been given two months to sort out last-chance saloon. The counits chaotic social services or face direct government

The health minister Paul Boateng had a meeting yesterday with members of Sefton Council in the wake of a damning report published carlier this month.

Afterward meeting the councillors Mr Boateng said that "disturbing and serious failures" had been exposed in Sefton's social services which cast grave doubts on the welfare and safety of vulnerable people in the council's

He said: "Sefton are in the cil must take rapid and decisive action. I have left them in no doubt that they have two months to turn the situation around,"

The minister pledged that there would be a White Paper on social services early next year which would set out proposals for extra government powers and for widespread reforms.

"Inspection and regulation of social care has failed to keep pace with rapid growth and diversity over recent years. Our changes will be fundamental," Mr Boeteng said.

"They will bring a tough, transparent and accountable regulatory system and give ministers the power to act swiftly and decisively to address failings in the delivery of social care, whether by local councils or in the independent

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Country for sale or hire: No reasonable offer refused





Mir space station: Mir has been hired to film commercials for milk and bananas · Photograph: Nasa The Kremlin: \$29,000 buys a reception in the palace hall Photograph: Headline The Duma: \$10,000 can buy a seat in power Photograph: AP

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More and more of Russia's most cherished treasures can be rented by anyone with the cash. Economic stagnation has created a society where almost anything can be hired or bought from a tsar's palace to an MP, or a Soviet-era submarine.

Money talks, as everyone knows. But there can be few places where it is as loquacious as in Russia. It says juicy words, words like "Kremlin", "Bolshoi", and "seat in parliament".

As the country grapples painfully with the transition to capitalism, the range of prestigious institutions and officials that are for hire - for a fat fee, of course - is expanding apace.

You want to hold a party in the Bolshoi Theatre, home of the ballet company? Go ahead. mance," said Valentina Dmitrenko, a spokesman. "On average it happens once a month. People come and cat and drink, and usually stay for a show. It means that the theatre is rented for the night - usually by a bank or hig company." The price? Up to \$14,500, (£9,000); funds that the crumbling theatre desperately needs.

BY PHIL **REEVES**

In St Petersburg, the capital of Russia's cash-starved cultural legacy, wealthy new Russians can hold a ball surrounded by the treasures of the Russian Museum, so long as they make a dunating lowards its upkeep. A gift of \$2,000 buys an intimate private gathering for 20 people.

For \$10,000 you can party in the museum's Marble Palace, built in 1785 as a present from Catherine the Great to a favourite, Count Orlov. With \$29,000, an international company can hold a reception in the banqueting and performance hall in the State Kremlin Palace. Alas, the rest of the complex re-

mains out of bounds. The renting of once-revered institutions owes much to a dire shortage of funds, caused by economic decline and the federal government's inability to collect taxes. But officials also have their price. One MP, Konstantin Borovoi, has claimed that all major parliamentary bills are decided beforehand by paying off MPs (deputies).

"This can be judged by how abruptly deputies change their votes," the St Petersburg newspaper, Nevskoe Vremya, sourly observed after a vote of no confidence in the Yeltsin administration fizzled out. Those not yet on the gravy train can always try to buy a ticket: a firm in the Tyumen region in western Siberia has offered to turn any citizen

into a deputy for \$10,000. Journalists are no better. Unmarked editorial articles in -some Moscow newspapers and magazines are as easily bought as a subscriptioo. The practice is so widespread that a price list circulates in Moscow. Although journalists' pay bas risen sbarply, politicians and busioessmeo can still secure a favnurable coverage with a bribe to an individual writer. 'You get to know which jouroalist is being paid by whom, but the general reader, nf course, doesn't know," said Masha Gessen, an unbribed

While Nasa has a ban oo commercial activity oo its missions, Moscow is only too willing to make extra dollars for its hard-pressed space programme by hiring out the Mir space statioo for advertising. One Mir commander, Vasily Tsibliyev, was filmed pursuing globules of floating milk in an effort to swallow them - an advert for an Israeli dairy company.

Pepsi and Toshiba have also made in-flight ads, shot by a camera-link to the ground. On first day in cosmonaut Alexander Lazutkin was under orders to eat bananas - another commercial. "Getting adapted [to space] was so difficult, I could barely think about it at all," he complained.

Back on the ground, other Soviet-era expertise is oow for sale, albeit illegally. American authorities claim to have evidence of attempts by Russian organised crime to sell Colomhian drug traffickers a submarine, helicopters and weapons.

But there are those who resent the free-for-all, the sense that everything has its price. "We are sick and tired of receiving phone calls from people in Moscow and even the provinces saying they are ready to pay a lot of money to have a star named after them," said Dmitry Ptitsin, an official with Moscow's Astronomy Centre, a state-run research institute.

'We do not do it." However, he, too, had heard that someone, somewhere, knows a man who does. "Allegedly some people, including cosmonauts, have been issuing a special diploma stating that a star or a small planet is named after the recipient ... It's just a trick to fool new Russians."

As Russia puts itself up for hire, the artistic world looks on in borror. Russians remember only too well how Rembrandt's Danae was doused with acid at the Hermitage in St Petersburg. "Can you imagine what damage could be done to masterpieces [at the Russian Museum] by 20 drunk people in the middle of the night?" a retired literature teacher complained to The Moscow Times...

Valentin Rasputin, a renowned Soviet-era writer, complains that Russian culture is the victim of "barbarous" treatment. "Culture cannot be handed over to the market, especially to the wild market we have here."

Yet there are still some things that cannot be bought for love nur mnney. Try, for example, buying land in the capital; the autocratic mayor, and possible oext president, Yuri Luzhkov, maintains an iron grip over freeholds. Land is, after all, a nice little earner.



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DAYS A WEEK

TUC steps into breach of welfare provision

The trade unions have decided to establish what could amount to a mini welfare state. Borrie Gement, Labour Editor, says the unions want to fill gaps left by the Government

Already disillusioned with New Labour and sceptical about the private sector's willingness or ability to step into the breach, the Trades Union Congress is drawing up a strategy of "self help" to provide pensions, education and training, and help with college tuition and insurance for those who find themselves continuously unemployed.

The new thrust of the policy was thrashed out by the TUC's ruling general council in a two-day session which ended on Wednesday, and looked at the unions' role over the next decade. The policy would mean that the unions would revert to their original friendly society function - hut on a nationwide basis.

of Personnel Development's annual conference in Harrogate, John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said the movement had recognised that while the Government was delivering on some issues im-. portant to unions, there was still a vacuum to be filled: "Labour is clearly not in the business of being the fifth cavalry for the trade union movement."

Mr Monks believed that work would become even more insecure over the next 10 years, and the movement needed to provide a "refuge" for working people.

The TUC leader said the Prime Minister had laid out "formidable challenges" to unions in his speech to the TUC Congress in September. If Tony Blair wanted a flexible workforce, it was the function of unions to provide some kind of safety net, he said. "We have to provide more to union members, when

others are providing less," Mr Monks said. He believed that despite impending legislation on union recognition, the scope of collective bargaining was unlikely to be extended dramatically. Unions

Speaking at a seminar at the Institute needed to develop other services which gave "added value" to membership.

Planning was at a very early stage, but the TUC would not rule out the establishment of a single pension fund available to those 6 million union members who needed it. Less ambitiously, the TUC might become a clearing bouse for ap-

"We are not going to leave a void for private sector sharks to mis-sell pensions. Certain blue chip companies like Prudential have damaged themselves by being associated with such activities. We are not going to let working people be ripped off again."

In education, the TUC would want to ensure that ordinary trade unionists had access to learning, whether by providing help with university tuition fees or developing links with educational institutions.

In some parts of the country the TUC was now the biggest sponsor of places in further education. In Preston, the union movement provided places for 10,000 students-bigger than British Aerospace, the town's most important employer.

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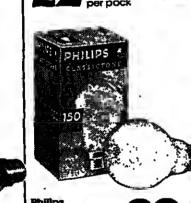
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Happy employees give lie to myth of workplace misery

Most employees believe what managements tell them, think they are treated fairly and can't wait to get to work, according to a new survey.

The research for the Institute of Personnel and Development seems to drive n coach and horses through the received wisdom that employees feel underpaid, overworked and insecure. Another institute study also

seemed to give lie to the image of the down-trodden "flexible worker" on short-term or lemporary contracts who feel far worse off than their permanently employed colleagues. Ironically researchers found that it was those in secure jobs who seemed to feel the most in-

Surprisingly, the study on attitudes to work conducted in conjunction with Birkbeck College. University of London. found that nine out of 10 people feel they are in general treated fairly at work.

Even more surprisingly, em-

day's pay for a fair day's work. Two out of three feel they are fairly rewarded for the amount of effort they put into their job. Some 79 per cent trust their

organisation to keep its promises, Some 71 per cent considered that managers would look after their best interests and 70 per cent said managers had always or to a large extent kept their promises about job

More than half of British workers reported that they woke up in the morning and "really look forward to going to work" either all or most of the

The survey also found that two out of five claim to be working more than 40 hours a week, but more than half said they had considerable choice over how hard they worked. A separate piece of research

reported that employees who worked flexibly did not feel as insecure as often thought.

generally were worrying less ployees feel they receive a fair about job insecurity. Four out of 10 felt more secure than a year ago, compared with two out of 10 who felt less secure. Only 4 per cent were "very worried" about their job security.

Mike Emmott, policy adviser at the institute, said it was often assumed that people on flexible contracts would feel more insecure. However the data showed that those who had recently tested the water" such as young people and those on short-term and temporary contracts were more confident about getting back in.

He also suggested that peoole's worries were not necessarily related to their personal experience. "People's feelings of insecurity are often linked to how they interpret the Jabour market, rather than what is happening, or even likely to happen to them. A particularly striking indication of this is that those in secure jobs seem to feel the most insecurity."

Businesses' fear of high-flyers handicaps graduates in the competition for jobs

Employers are increasingly fewer qualifications and will wary of potential recruits who are "over-educated" or "overexperienced".

After a period of recession and expansion in higher education, companies often find that they receive job applications for relatively low-skilled jobs from young people with degrees and older workers with experience of more responsible

that graduates in particular will "expect more money, faster promotion and more interesting jobs than applicants with

quit at the first opportunity". A report by the Institute of Personnel Development says that some employers, particularly in small and medium-sized enterprises, often have an outdated perception of students. The institute believes that many businesses regard all graduates as high-flyers with high-flying ex-

Hugh Jones, careers advis-Some organisations believe er at the University of Wales in Swansea, said some companies expected all degree holders to be Shell or Ford material. "But just because you've been

pectations to match.

to university, it doesn't necessarily mean that you are a high-flyer. The top students I'm seeing are picking up job offers with merchant banks. But some students are not right for high-profile jobs - they may never be. I see nice, ordinary kids who've got nice ordinary degrees who will possibly go into nice ordinary jobs."

The IPD report contends that employers need to become more directly involved in providing career guidance to ensure that graduates find a suitable position at the start of

... but in Liverpool, some things never change

Liverpool dockers have voted overwhelmingly to reject a peace formula to end their two-year dispute - one of the longest industrial conflicts in recent memory.

Port workers' shop slewards hailed as a "victory" the 213-97 vote against an offer which provided 40 jobs at the dock and pay-offs of £28,000 for the rest of the workforce.

Mersey Docks and Harbour Company also offered to support a Labour supply cooperative to provide additional jobs. The company said yesterday it was disappointed. but said the offer would be kept open until next Monday as a "gesture of good faith". No fresh talks are planned.

however, and there is little chance of an early settlement. The Transport and General Workers' Union held the ballot among the sacked dockers

to withdraw what it described as its final offer. Management dismissed

329 dockers in September, 1995, after they refused to cross a picket line mounted by 80 workers involved in a separate dispute at the port. Frank Lannigan, a dockers'

shop steward, said the hallot result should prove once and for all that the main objective was not to win compensation, hut reinstatement. He said the hallot result "constituted a great victory" and pledged that the campaign for reinstatement would continue.

Peter Jones, port operations manager for the company, said: "We share the disappointment of many on Merseyside on such a response and the shadow it casts across the image of a region whose industrial relations cli-

after the company threatened mate is more readily reflected in the contemporary success of the port of Liverpool. Management bas claimed that productivity has increased following an initial period of disruption after the sackings. The harbour company recently posted a 59 per cent rise in interim pre-

tax profits to £22.2m. Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport & General Workers' Union who came under fire from dockers' leaders for holding the ballot, expressed regret that it had not proved possihle to reach a settlement.

One of the dockers' biggest coups came earlier this year when Liverpool soccer stars Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman wore Tshirts carrying messages of support for the port workers.

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Fury as BBC restricts screening of Bevan film

A major television drama to mark the centenary of the birth of Aneurin Bevan - which cost almost £im to make - is in danger of being screened only in his native Wales. As Media Editor Rob Brown reveals exclusively, BBC bosses in London are questioning whether the architect of the

Food For Raven was commissioned by BBC Wales in the firm expectation it would be shown on the network to commemorate the centenary of Aneurin Bevan's birth.

National Health Service

still has national appeal.

The decision to commit £800,000 was taken by Dai Smith, head of English language programming, who is an

expert on the Labour legend. But Mr Smith's monumental act of faith appears to have heen misplaced.

Mark Thompson. BBC con- Labour MP for Ebbw Vale. troller, have both balked at to be shown on BBC1 in Wales to commemorate the cente- his life. nary of Bevan's birth.

They have passed the decitor of television, who has also been prevaricating.

Their lukewarm response has enraged the actor Brian Cox, who plays Bevan, and Trevor Griffiths, the accomplished radical playwright who wrote and directed the 85minute film.

Mr Cox, who has moved to Hollywood, told The Independent yesterday: "I'm incensed beyond belief. It's insulting to

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man who founded the NHS." Mr Griffiths, whose previous plays include Comedians, The Party and Thatcher's Children, said: "I have been waiting a month to find out whether this piece of work put together by a large number of highly talented people is going to be shown to the nation or is going to remain a Welsh-only transmission. Frankly, it pisses

"Everyone is being careful to say how extraordinary and moving the film is. But some of them seem to think it could be too demanding and too challenging for the sort of audience they are trying to attract on BBC2

He added: "I find it hard to believe politics hasn't got something to do with this, but I've no evidence to prove that."

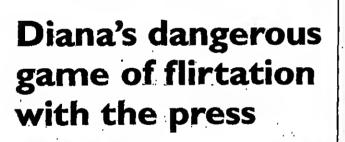
Bevan, who died in 1960, is widely regarded as one of the greatest figures of the British Left this century, but he's very much Old Labour.

A legendary orator and revered socialist thinker, he was immortalised in a major hiography by Michael Foot, who David Thompson, the BBC's knew him for a quarter of a cenhead of film and drama, and tury and succeeded him as

Griffiths's film - which also scheduling the work on Satur- stars Sinead Cusack as Bevan's day 16 November, when it is due wife, Jennic Lee - focuses on his last days, as he looked back at

As the writer expresses it: "Its a kind of elegy for an exsion up to Alan Yentob, direc- traordinary man and a set of principles which have vanished from the British political landscape.

The BBC confirmed the fate of Food for Raven bangs in the halance. "It was originally commissioned by BBC Wales for BBC Wales and is being offered to the network, which is now deciding whether or not to show it," a spokesman said, adding that Mr Yentob was expected to decide on the matter



Dianamania will end dramatically next Sunday at 8pm when a television documentary will portray the Princess of Wales as a shrewd manipulator rather than the sad victim of the media. Rob Brown and Nicole Veash consider some candid confessions by some of the biggest names in Fleet Street.

Channel 4 would probably not have dared to screen "Dangerous Liaisons", the final episode of Royals and Reptiles, in the immediate aftermath of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Certainly few of those who agreed to be interviewed for this series about the monarchy and the media would have been relaxed about this particular programme being screened before

For the central driving thrust of the programme is that, far from being hounded by an unforgiving press, Diana had herself flung open the door to her private life by engaging in a very dangerous game with the

Max Hastings, editor of the London Evening Standard newspaper, points out that the News International) told him to Princess often tipped off the treat it like a manuscript prepress as to her whereabouts. pared by the Princess of Wales. The Princess waged a very effective lunching war of her own," he states. "I think she would have withered on the vine and been a very unhappy woman if she had been left

Mr Hastings says that he privately counselled Diana sever-

al times not to speak publicly about her private relationships but he had never had his advice so resoundingly not taken. "At the very moment we were having hunch, Panorama were setting up the cameras upstairs." he says.

Previously editor of the Daily Telegraph, he was staggered to discover that Diana had been the prime source for Andrew Morton's explosive book Diana: Her True Story. "I found it amazing that anybody, inchiding a princess, could engage a tabloid journalist like Morton on that scale," Mr Hastings recalls. "It suggested a degree of wilful self-destructivenes."

He now looks back upon his hostile reaction to the book's publication as one of the low points of his 10 years in charge of the Daily Telegraph. "I al-

royal press "didn't want to knew if it was true or not".

repercussions. Stuart Higgins, editor of The Sun, says that, once the Morton book was in the public domain, Andrew Knight (then chief executive of "And so she has opened this



National hero: Nye Bevan and his wife, Jennie Lee. The actors and makers of, food for Roven, a film about his life, are furious that it is only to be broadcast in Wales



lowed myself to think two things that no responsible journalist should think. One, it's not true. And two, if it is, they shouldn't Andrew Neil, former editor of the Sinday Times - the newspaper that serialised Morton's book - claims that the pro-

The book had immense

enormous can of worms for her own purposes," adds Mr Higgins, who was interviewed for the series shortly before the car crash in Paris in August in which the Princess of Wales, Dodi Fayed and their driver

American tribe wins back right to harpoon whales

sion meeting in Monaco opened the way for resumption of the American tribe's ancient hunting tradition after a 70-year break

"Fifteen hundred years of energy from our ancestors has come out. We can't even express in words how we feel," said Greg Arnold, a councilman from the tribe of 2,000 in Washington state. The resolution gives a shared quota of whales to the Inuits of Alaska and the Chukchi of Russia's eastern Siberia out of a stock that roams waters between the two countries. Then, in a deal between the United States and Russia, the Makah would get rights to four grey whales a year from the Chukchi.

As the Makah prepared for a dance of celebrations, however, activist groups vowed to block any hunt through lawsuits in the US. Even the tribe is split, with some saying there is no need to resume the hunt. The US opposes commercial whaling,

to hunt whales under a 1855 treaty with the US government.

The IWC, which totally banned commercial whaling in 1986 in order to protect depleted stocks, routinely allows indigenous peoples with a tradition of whaling and a proven need for the meat as food permission to kill a limited number of whales.

But many delegations to the IWC have questioned the tribe's nutritional need for whale meat. Experts warn that the Makah have lost their whaling skills, and could easily be killed or wounded if they harpoon a grey whale, which can be up to 43 feet long. from their canoes. But Mr Arnold said the tribe know how to hunt from legend, dances and drawings.

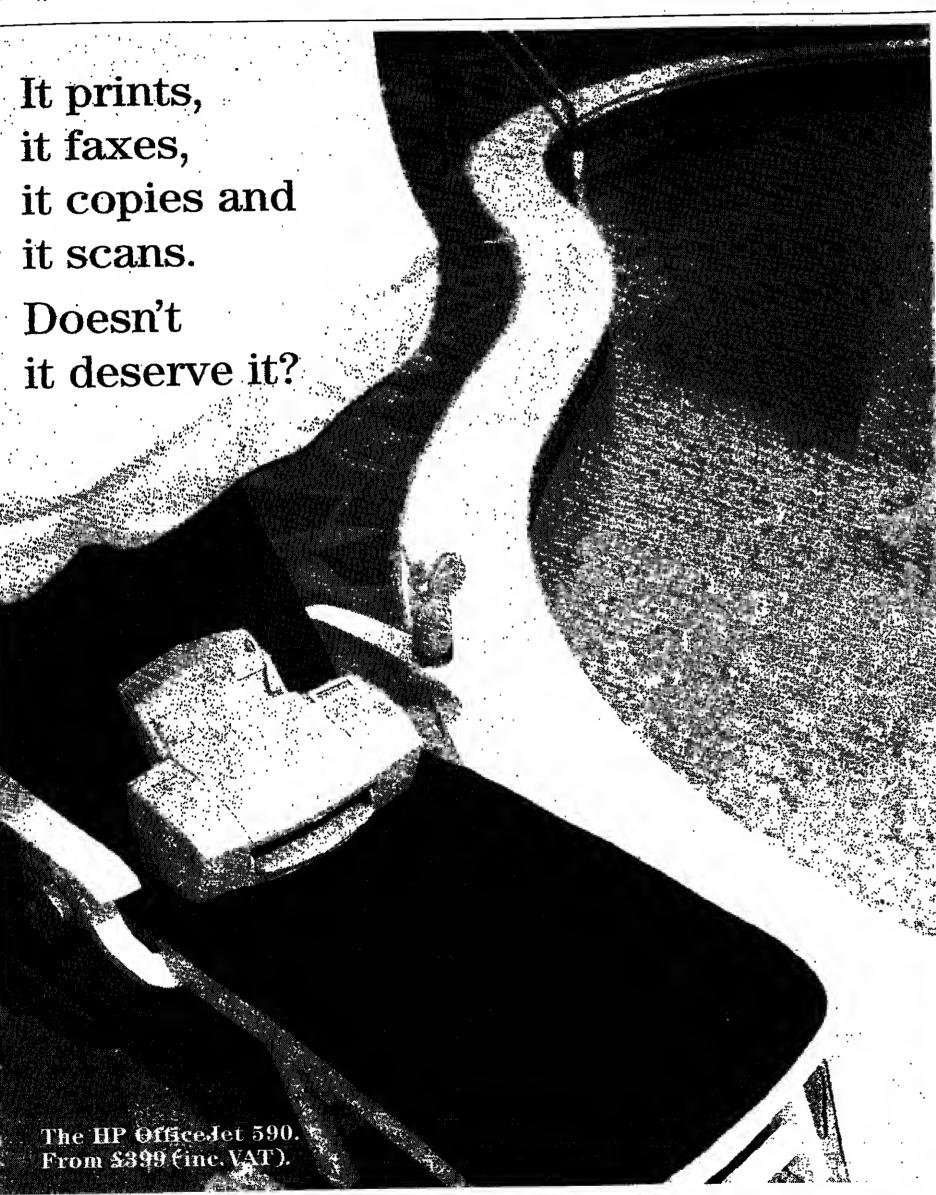
The IWC also agreed that whalers must finish off whales by shooting them before electrocuting them. Britain and New Zealand led a campaign at the IWC,

Makah Indians were overjoyed yesterday but it has pushed hard on behalf of the which holds its annual meeting in Mona-Makah, the only tribe to secure the right are believed to be very painful. Whalers initially strike whales with exploding harpoons and reel them in close to the vessel. If the ammal is still alive, Norwegians try to shoot it in the hrain but the Japanese prefer electric lances. Two steel-tipped lances are plunged into the whale and an electric cur-

rent is run through until the animal dies. Under the new rule, whalers are required to shoot the harpooned whale first and electrocute it only as a last resort. Animal rights advocates say electrocution can take up to 20 minutes to kill a whale. The IWC banned old-style harpooning in 1981 because it took too long to kill whales. The organisation banned commercial whaling the next year, hut Norway objected to the moratorium and continues to whale in the North Atlantic. The Japanese hunt whales

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grip on alcohol

Swedish officials yesterday welcomed a European Union decision allowing Sweden to preserve its alcohol monopoly. "This is a victory for the peo-ple's health," said Gahriel Romanus, head of Systembolaget, which controls the sale of alcohol in Sweden.

Health is one of the main rationales for Sweden's monopoly; advocates argue that tight control is necessary to keep a lid on alcohol abuse. Only light- and medium-strength beer can be purchased in non-Systembolaget stores; alcohol is also sold in restaurants, but not for home

But Harry Franzen, who ruling by selling wine in his grocery store, said he believes that a change will eventually come.

Sweden to keep US lets tanks into Bosnia

The Bosnian federation army received a shipment of tanks from Egypt yesterday after United States officials overseeing a military aid programme approved the delivery.

The US, which manages a \$400m (£250m) aid programme for Bosnia's Muslim-Croat federation army, held up the delivery saying the federation had failed to clear the shipment,

The 10 T-55 tanks, donated by the Egyptian defence ministry, were unloaded at Ploce from a ship that had been anchored off the Croatian coast since 6 August. The government was outgunned by separatist Serb forces backed by the Yugoslav army prompted the European Court during the 1992-95 Bosnian war. The US "Train and Equip" programme aims to balance of military power in the region.

Kremlin sets date set for burial of last tsar's family

at last set a date of next spring for the burial of the remains of the last tsar, Nicholas II, and his family, a newspaper said

A government commission set the hurial for 1 March, a Russian Orthodox holiday called Forgiveness Sunday when believers repent for their sins, the business daily Kommersant reported unidentified government officials as saying.

on burial in the Cathedral of St Peter and Paul in St Petersburg. where all Russian tsars have been since Peter the Great.

But it has come under strong pressure from local officials in the Urals, who want the royal family buried in the city of Yekaterinhurg where they were the tsa slain by a Bolshevik firing squad debate.

The Russian government has in 1918. This proposal is backed hy the Russian Orthodox

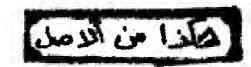
Sites in Moscow also have been considered, including the Kremlin churches or the newly rebuilt Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, but officials turned them down.

Acid-burned bones believed to be those of Nicholas, his wife, Alexandra, three of their five children and household servants were found in 1991 in a It said the government insists pit near Yekaterinburg in the Ural mountains.

DNA tests confirmed their authenticity.

The burial has been postponed for years, with some saying it should await the decision of the Orthodox Church on whether to bestow sainthood on the tsar - another lengthy





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Patriarch of Hamas gives his blessing to suicide bombers' campaign

The founding father of the militant Palestinian organisation Hamas says the suicide bombing campaign inside Israel will go on. He tells Eric Silver in Gaza why there can be no let-up in the struggle, even if it means causing civilian casualties.

On the whitewashed wall outside Sheikh Ahmed Yassin's Gaza home, his followers have painted a map of undivided Palestine in the rusty red of dried blood. Beside it is a mural of the Dome of the Rock, the logo of Arab Jerusalem, and the slogan: "Islam is the answer."

The 61-year-old head of Hamas could not have framed his message more succinctly. A few weeks after his release from an Israeli prison in exchange for two bungling Mossad hitmen, captured after trying to kill another Hamas leader in Amman, Sheikh Yassin has ended his convalescence and is coming out fighting.

In an interview with The Independent, he pledged to continue attacks on Israeli civilians and gave his blessing to suicide bombers of the kind who killed 21 in Jerusalem this summer. He denounced the two-state solution implicit in the 1993 Oslo agreement as a betrayal of Palestini-

ans' title to their land. The nearest he came to provoke a Palestinian civil war.

A stream of supplicants flows to the onesheikh lives with his wife and 11 children. Paralysed since his youth, wheo he broke his neck doing acrobatics, he receives them in a wheelchair. He is smiling and paternal; a disciple feeds him slices of guava

The sheikh looks robust for a man the Israelis feared might die oo their hands. His hearing has deteriorated, however, during the eight years of a life-sentence he served for fostering violence.

Oo his return to Gaza, the sheikh said that Islam forbade attacks on innocent civilians. Did that mean he was calling off Hamas's campaign of terror in Israeli cities?
"Islam," he replied, "tells us oot to attack civilians, but it also gives us the right to deal with an enemy the same way that he deals with us. If the enemy attacks civilians, killing them or demolishing their bomes ... it is our right to defend ourselves and deal with them as they deal with us."

"Did that include suicide bombings?" We call them martyr operations," he said. "God has chosen the martyrs ... By

their acts they get closer to God." As for the ceasefire, Sheikh Yassin ex-

plained, "there could be a temporary truce, to a conciliatory gesture was to offer Israel if they [the Israelis] remove all that remains a "temporary truce", if it accepted all Hamas of the occupation, including the settledemands, and to promise Yasser Arafat not ments. They must release all Palestinian prisoners, open a safe passage between Gaza and the West Bank, and recognise storey cement house in Zaitoun, one of a Palestinian state with its capital in Gaza's poorest neighbourhoods, where the Jerusalem. If we get our rights, the war will end. If we don't, the war will go on."

David Bar-Illan, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's spokesman, refuses to take that idea seriously. "The [Hamas] proposals mean total surrender to Palestinian demands and the endangermeot of Israel." Sheikh Yassin must know this. Dovish Israelis might coocede his terms, but for a permanent solution, not a truce. Unlike Mr Arafat, however, the sheigh is not reconciled to the existence of a Jewish state in any part of Palestine.

"If you own a house and some aggressor comes and takes it by force, would you recognise that the house belongs to him? We have a right to fight until we get our rights back." So far, though, the sheikh is not challenging Mr Arafat. "We do not want to divide the Palestinian people," he said.

With Israel easing the closure imposed after the latest suicide bombing - 40,000 day-labourers are leaving Gaza and the West Bank for jobs in Israel - there is little stomach for rebellion. But Hamas is keeping its powder dry, and in Sheikh Yassin it has a





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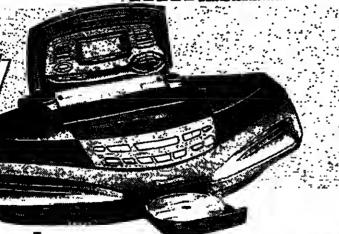


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Terror tests Algeria's faith in democracy

Amid continuing massacres, Algerians went to the polls yesterday to elect local councils across the country. Robert Fisk found in the village of Bainem scene of a massive army operation against the rebels - that Algeria's latest test of democracy is overshadowed by the fear of further bloodshed as well as electoral fraud.

High over the Ecole de Forêt de Bainen:, an Algerian army helicopter gunship flew towards the mountains, but the voters paign of terror". did not bother to look up. For a week now, they have heard the artillery explosions in the mountains to the south and seen the fires burning long into the night.

Yesterday morning, the forests themselves were hard to sce - for most of the wadis and ridges have been set oo fire. A carpet of brown smoke brings low over this former beauty spot which is now - so the army claim - a fiefdom of "Islamist" rebels.

So Bainem seemed a good place to check up oo Algeria's democratic credentials; just a just over a mile away. month ago, 19 local foresters, on their way home from woodcutting, were stopped by gunmeo on the road oo which we were travelling yesterday. One by one, they had their throats cut. Yet in the local schoolhouse, found classrooms filled with electoral officers, computerised lists of voters and a trickle of men and women walking past the police guards to support their candidates. Hamidou Djadoun, the age-

ing local candidate for the RCD, the largely Berber, secular and fiercely anti-Islamist party, wanted to remind me of the day in 1991 when the Islamic Salvation Froot (FIS) picked up so many votes in Bainem that they tore down the sign outside the village which said "Bainem, By the People, For the People" and replaced it with a banner which read: "The Islamic Town of Bainem". "Why did they do this?" Mr Djadoun asked. "Their slogan suggested all other towns were not Islamic - but it's a fact all Algerians are Muslims."

The FIS, of course, is oot participating in these elections. Banned after it was set to win the 1991 national elections, its members were imprisoned or killed, its militants split between armed groups, one of which has declared a ceasefire, the other - the Islamic Armed Group - has continued to assault the villagers of the Mitidia plain. The Algerian foreign minister, Ahmed Attaf, claimed on Wednesday that the FIS re-

mained the "primary cause of the tragedy our country is going through", despite the FIS's repeated appeals for a ceasefire

and negotiations. So did the people of Bainem think they were voting for peace? Many were voting for their retired village policeman, Hamida Djadoun. Others were supporting Daoud Bourina, the plump and loud candidate for the FLN, the highly corrupted but recently resurrected progovernment party whose old men fought for Algerian independence. Mr Bourina insisted the "font of terrorism" lay in London from where, Scotland Yard may be surprised to hear. the "world Islamic movement" ran their "international cam-

"We Algeriage are able to master our problems on our own," Mr Bourina announced. "We must wash our dirty linen among ourselves. Many countries are watching us with an evil eye, but the children of this country are here to defeod it." And so they said at Beni Msouss where just a mouth ago 64 women and children had their throats cut in a night-time raid which - like so many recently west unhindered by soldiers from the hig army headquarters

Why didn't the army intervene. I asked a man from the National Rally for Democracy (NRD), the party created by President Liamine Zeroual only last winter which will - fear not -win most seats in the elections. "We have all asked that question but none of us has an answer," came the reply. "But you can't expect the army to solve this or the government to solve it - the population has been divided. But now the army has given weapons to the surviving villagers - which shows the measure of the government's concern."

The massacre victims were all families of men who had voted for the FIS, he said; confirmation that the massacre victims are themselves Islamists.

And yet, though only 10 per cent of voters had turned up within the first three hours of polling, into the local Beni Msouss school came elderly men and young women and businessmen and street cleaners to register their vote. But. would this, I asked Djamet. Lakdiane, the candidate of Hamas, the legal, avowedly moderate Islamist party, help to end Algeria's war? "It all depends what you call terrorism." he replied. Take a man with eight children who gets only 10,000 dinars (£110) a month. and can't buy food. This is economic terrorism. There are 2,500,000 ucemployed m Algeria. We are short of 1,500,000 houses. This is economic terrorism. And who is to hlame?"

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Crisis, what crisis? It's another most civilised summit

Commonwealth leaders are gathering in Edinburgh for the first Commonwealth summit to be hosted by Britain for 20 years, which opens today. For its advocates, says Steve Crawshaw, the summit is a crucial forum which works to achieve change on an international scale. For its critics, it is little more than a giant talking shop.

The Commonwealth has a pathological loathing of conflict. This makes it a most civilised body. As a result, however, it can also seem toothless. The preferred option for dealing with a crisis is to pretend that

Take the question of Nigeria, which will in some respects dominate the agenda in a single common language, the Commonthe next few days. Following the execution in 1995 of the activist Ken Saro-Wiwa, Commonwealth leaders at the Commonwealth summit in Auckland seemed galvanised. Nigeria was condemned, suspended from the Commonwealth and threatened with expulsion if it failed to clean up its act. The threat was specific: if Nigeria failed to make substantial moves towards democracy within two years (in other words, by this weekend) then it would be expelled.

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A special ministerial group was set up to monitor violations of the Commonwealth's code on human rights. This was meant to prove that the Commonwealth meant husiness. The report of the ministerial group, drawn up six weeks ago, will be made public this weekend. But one thing is clear: any idea that Nigeria should he expelled, in accordance with the pledge made at Auckland, has been relegated to the realm of fantasy. Asked yesterday to defend the obvious change of tack, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the secretary-general of of the imperial era, is devoted to the Com-

the Commonwealth, was affahly vague. The reluctance to grasp political nettles is typical, partly because of Mr Anyaoku's personal style, and partly because the Commonwealth depends so much on consensus. Even the suspension of Nigeria in 1995 was only achieved because of the hrazenness of Nigeria's defiance. Nigeria hanged Ken Saro-Wiwa during the summit itself. The execu- former colonial ruler, does not.

tion embarrassed and humiliated Commonwealth leaders, goading them into action that they would in other circumstances have been unable to agree on.

Short of another execution, the Commonwealth is unwilling to speak out too loudly about controversial issues. None the less, the decision by the Kenyan president, Daniel arap Moi, to stay at home can be seen as a back-handed compliment, indicating that President Moi is frightened of the criticism of his peers. Certainly, questions of human rights are more central than ever before. The Harare declaration of 1991 emphasised human rights for the first time, and subsequent summits built on that declaration. Human rights were once seen as an irrelevance; that has now changed.

The official theme of this year's summit is "Trade, Investment and Development", a subject where agreement is simpler to achieve. With its 53 members and wealth is less unwieldy than the United Nations. But it is broader than reginnal groups like the Organisation for African Unity or the Association of South-East Asian Nations: it brings together East and West, North and South. There is a steady trickle of would-be members. Mozambique and Cameroon have recently gained membership cards; Yemen, Rwanda and Palestine would like to join. For the wouldhe arrivals at least, the Commonwealth is clearly not an irrelevance. .

There were buried hints yesterday that the Commonwealth may move further from its colonial roots. Mr Anyaoku, describing its structure, said that the British monarch is head of the Commonwealth, "at the moment". When asked whether this meant that the arrangement might one day end, he was quick to insist that he had been "misinterpreted". In reality, however, such a change is both plausible and logical. The Queen, whose reign has spanned the end monwealth cause. But there is no good reason why a future monarch should remain head of the Commonwealth, when the organisation has long ceased to be an old boys' club for those who had to sit on the hard benches of the imperial school.

English, as a crucial language of communication, holds the key; Britain, the



Unhaly row: Kenya's security forces have regularly beaten protesters such as during this attack in Nairobi Cathedral in July. However, the Commonwealth shows little sign of taking the country's government to task for the behaviour as it gears up for elections later this year

eaders who have brought ruin to their countries

The fuss focused on Nigeria helped Kenya, Zimbabwe and Zambia, among others, sneak on to the Edinburgh stage almost unnoticed, despite widespread disquiet about their own human rights records and antidemocratic tendencies.

As the more shadowy anti-democratic presidents and their lieutenants chat with the Queen this weekend, an uncritical welcome will be an affront to Commonwealth principles and, in particular, to the muchvaunted notion of political "renaissance" on their own continent.

Daniel arap Moi, 73, the Kenyan President and old-style African strongman, failed to turn up in Edinburgh, and instead sent a ministerial delegation. At home, Mr Moi, president for two decades, is struggling to secure another five-year term in elections to be held later this year. International pressure forced the introduction of multi-party elections in 1992 but political opposition continues to be smothThree dismal economic records nbabwe \$ to one US\$ Zambian Kwacha to one US\$ Mot takes

ly distorted. President Moi retains a vicepatronage, high-level corruption and government control of the media, police and security forces. The law requires oppositinn parties to register for elections - hut regulations prevent them from doing so. In

ered and the rules of democracy hideous- recent months police have opened fire on street protests in the uglicst clashes for sevlike grip through a vast network of en years. The government is also implicated in violence on the east coast which has claimed scores of lives and driven tens of thousands from their homes.

A blind eye, and pursed lips, is what Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe will also

be hoping for. In recent weeks his country has been racked by war veterans' demands for belated compensation for their part in the liberation war. The president is threatening once again to satisfy the vets by confiscating white-owned farms.

In Zambia, President Frederick Chiluba's victory in the country's first democratic elections in 1991 was welcomed by a nation eager for an end to Kenneth Kaunda's dictatorship. But Mr Chiluba learned the shortcuts and tricks of retaining power.

When Mr Kaunda launched a comeback Mr Chiluba, also not present in Edinhurgh, was far from happy. Before elections last year he changed the law to bar candidates whose parents were not Zambjan. Mr Kaunda, whose parents were Malawian, could not contest and the elections were boycotted by the opposition. Mr Kaunda, who continues to campaign, was shot and wounded earlier this year during a rally.

- Mary Braid

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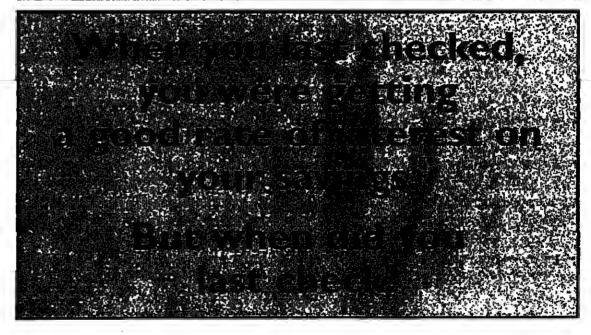
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Jiang Zemin: Next week's visit has the potential to set the course of US-Chinese relations in the future - for good or ill

UNALLIANCE

smooths Jiang's path China's senior leader BY MARY arrives in the United States on Sunday for the first US-Chinese summit

Tiananmen Square eight years ago. In a week-long procession across the country he will be feted and tested in equal measure. But President Clinton's much-criticised China policy will be

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Leading American Chinawatchers compare Jiang Zemin's US trip to Richard Nixon's ice-breaking visit to China in 1972. Others see it as an exercise in superpower courtship that has more in common with the epic visit of China's late leader, Deng Xiaoping, in 1979, when he won American hearts by going to the rodeo in Texas and donning a cowboy hat.

What no one disputes is that these two events were rare high points in a half-century of relations dogged by mutual suspicion, and that next week's visit has the potential to set the course of US-Chinese relations in the future - for good or ill.

The outcome, one advocate of more normal US-Chinese ties says, will "show whether the US can successfully manage the rise of a new power". That is the gentle way of putting it. At the back of many minds in Washington is the fear that China is emerging not just as the new great power in Asia, but as a global superpower with the capacity to rival the United States and take over where the defunct Soviet Union left off.

Relations with China are seen as poised on a knife edge. The best that can be said is that the Clinton administration's five-year policy of *constructive engagement" - trying to coax China into accepting the rules of international conduct as America would like them to be - has not failed. In the US, as der and tortured by the Chinese in China, however, there are powerful constituencies of "hawks" just waiting to fight over its entrails - and then with each other.

Two days before Mr Jiang sets foot on American soil, and five days before the two-day "state" part of his visit begins in Washington, the White House is being wary. Summits, officials say, are not for "making policy". It forecasts no hreakthroughs on any of the major topics of contention.

On the status of Taiwan, the perennial irritant, the White House says its position is known and firm, and hints that it is trying to keep the subject off the agenda. The newest source of discord is also being played down. Did Chinese interests try to influence US policy by making illegal contributions to the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign last year? The subject will not be raised, say those in the

Behind the scenes, however, the activity is frenetic. The supposed non-expectations have officials being dispatched to Peking over the past week, some of them at very short notice. Are they putting finishing touches to surprise agreements? Are they refining formulae that will hint at progress and goodwill without committing to substance? Or are they trying to avert disaster? No one will say.

That so many highly placed US officials are in Peking, however, shows how much the administration thinks is at stake. American public opinion may not be as uncompromisingly antipathetic to China as it was in the years immediately after

more sceptical of China's intentions than at almost any time since then, and that hostility spans a wide range of groups. On the right are human rights

campaigners pleading the cause of China's political dissidents and fundamentalist Christians protesting about religious persecution. The rapidly growing overseas Chinese communities harbour articulate influential supporters of an independent Taiwan and a democratic Hong Kong. Trade unions and workers' organisations accuse China of flooding the US market with cheap manufactured goods that deprive Americans of jobs, swell the US trade deficit and may have been produced by "slave" or prison – labour.

From the military and foreign policy quarters come accusations that China has contravened agreements by diverting computers and technology earmarked for civilian use to military purposes and sold missile technology to countries like Iran and Syria. A book by two American academics published earlier this year called The Coming Conflict with China and setting out the worstcase scenario in US-Chinese relations found a ready audience and became a best-seller,

China's image is also taking a battering at the popular end of the cultural spectrum. Mr Jiang will face cinema hoardings advertising two new films that show China in an unflattering light. Seven Years in Tibet, with Brad Pitt, chronicles repression in Tibet and extols the Dalai Lama. Red Comer, with Richard Gere - a Buddhist and Tibetsympathiser also - tells the story of a high-flying American lawyer who is framed for mur-



Bill Clinton: Policy of constructive engagement

authorities. Anti-China groups, some led by former leaders of the Tiananmen Square protest and most formidably well-organised, have promised to pursue Jiang Zemin wherever he goes. His itinerary, which takes him from Hawaii to Washington, from Pennsylvania via New York to Boston and back to Los Angeles, gives them plenty of scope. So much, that Chinese officials in Washington took not prevented a posse of senior the unusual step of warning this week that the success of the visit depended on the US guaranteeing "a good atmosphere".

In a retort that testified both to the prevailing mood in the US and to the administration's concern not to appear weak, the White House cited the Bill of Rights on the freedom to demonstrate and delivered a feisty "We're not going to abrogate the US Constitution not even for Jiang Zemin." In such circumstances it is perhaps for the best that, as one Chinawatching academic said, with acknowledgement to Woody Tiananmen Square. It is, how- Allen, in this summit: "Ninety ever, more vocally hostile and per cent of it is just showing up."

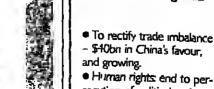
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Britain in battle over Caribbean bananas

The Caribbean banana could vanish from British shops, replaced by heaper, straighter dollar bananas', as the esult of a US challenge o Europe's traditional rotected market. Jojo Moyes considers the mplications.

The Agriculture Minister, Jack Cunningham, yesterday pledged to resolve the dispute over a decision on banana imports which is threatening key Caribbean economies.

Dr Cunningham said he was deeply disappointed" by a reeot WTO ruling that the Euopean Union's banana regime, rhich allows a quota of Caribean bananas into Europe, was acompatible with its rules.

It followed a campaign by he US, which has large corpoations with substantial comercial interests in Central and outh American trade, and has gitated successfully for an eod the EU's traditional positive iscrimination in favour of the aribbean banana.

The ruling, it is warned. ould mean Britain is flooded with the cheap, straight "dollar pananas" and could destroy he undiversified economies of Dominica, Grenada, Belize, Jemaica, St Lucia, and St Vincent. It could also lead to drugs being traded in place of bananas.

can interests took this issue to the World Trade Organisation in the first place," Dr Cunniogham said. "I think the WTO decisioo is regrettable, the consumer more, but it's a reality. What we now have to do is to get a new agreemeot is the EU which will eo- arrangement which is to enable Britain and other countries courage Caribbean producers to who want to, to go on import- market organic bananas in the ing baoanas from these tiny

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Caribbean countries, to whom we have an historic obligation."

Dr Cunningham was speaking yesterday as he opened a new £6m Geest banana ripening centre in Coventry. Windward Islands' leaders from St Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica, Grenada and St Lucia were present.

He said he had voiced his "serious concerns" about the decision "in no uncertain terms" at the Agriculture Council in Brussels a few weeks ago and that he would be working to find ways of revisiog the EU arrangements. "That task will World Trading Organisatioo not be easy. We are, however, determined to work with the Commission and with our Caribbean trading partners to resolve this situation," he said.

The Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica, Eddison James, said of the WTO ruling: "It will be devastating to our countries - social, economic unrest is what would happen." Bananas represent 51 per cent of Dominica's total exports, and Mr James expressed his gratitude at Britain's promise to act to protect the interests of Caribbean producers.

Supporters of the Caribbean growers, such as Glenys Kinnock, MEP, and Clare Short, Secretary of State for International Development, have pointed out that the West Indian producers tend to be smallholders, who are sparing with the use of pesticides and more careful about workers' rights.

Supporters of the South American interests say a free "I'm very sorry that Ameri- market determines that banana growth must be ecocomic, and that the £1.25bn market should not include a "protected cottonwool covironment" which costs

Ms Short is among those who propose a compromise,

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Chinese takeaway loses its flavour

British fast-food takeaways are changing as the nation's palate becomes more sophisticated. Catering researchers claim that the consequences for the traditional Chinese chipple are grave unless they respond to new market demands, says Louise Jury.

Nutritionists may be sceptical but consumer demand for healthier, lighter dishes could spell the eod of the high street Japanese sushi are increasingly popular and are being eaten instead of some traditional takeaway foods, according to new research.

The number of traditional Chinese takeaways is expected to continue to fall, although more stylish city centre Chinese food outlets, like those seen in London, Manchester and Birmover from them.

Figures from the food industry analysis Marketpower show that overall sales of Oriental products, including Thai and Vietnamese, are growing faster than sales for other ethnic foods such as Iodian and Mexican. Oriental cuisine represents 40 per ceot of all sales of ethnic food in the United Kingdom.

Similar foods are also available in the supermarket and increasing numbers of people are dining out rather than taking hot meals home. The amount spent on takeaway food overall dropped slightly from £967m in 1981 to £918m in 1996.

Umesh Raichada, of Marketpower, which has just published a report on the UK Catering Market for Oriental Food, said that the Chinese tish and chip shop was now seen as "ordinary" compared with some of the new arrivals.

It currently forms 22 per cent of the takeaway/cafe market. But Mr Raichada said that the revolution in Indonesian. Japanese, Thai and Vietnamese look set to grow across the

country. For the time being, food is most likely to be consumed in the Greater London area and by affluent professionals under 35. However, the presence of industrial companies from countries such as Korea or Japan can make a difference to food availability in other areas.

The relatively small number of Thai people in Britain might restrict increased popularity of their national food. But the sushi boom could result in a doobling of the number of Japanese outlets by 2000.

Igbal Wahhab, of the Indian food and drink magazine Tandoori, said that the quality Chinese chippie. Foods such as offered by Indian takeaways was often higher than that of the Chinese because most were side husinesses for restaurants rather than sold in a "stand alone" shop, "Indian restaurants have been growing at the ex-

pense of the Chinese," he said, A spokeswoman for the Sainsbury supermarket chain said the more exotic ready meals were a hurgeoning maringham, are developing to take ket. "Increasingly customers are showing a growing sophistication and desire to experiment with the food they cat, a trend that can be seen in the growth of the ready meals sector," she said.

In addition to sales of Indian, Chinese and Italiao meals, the chain has added six varieties of Japanese coodle-based dishes. "So-called fusion foods ~ bringing together the best aspects of the diverse food cultures that make up today's global kitchen - is also a potential growth area," the spokeswoman added.

Amanda Wynne, of the British Nutrition Foundation, said the huge amount of moncy spent on takesways was oot necessarily bad for the British diet, if people remembered to supplement their quick lunch or dinner with some fruit and vegetables and carbohydrate.

But she said that the greater diversity in foods available in Britain today had failed to cocourage us to improve our diets. Nutritionists have made significant efforts to reduce the amount of coergy the nation



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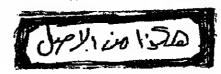
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Government research into GPs' stress levels claims that the medical establishment is failing to face up to a health. crisis. Ion Burrell says the profession is failing to meet the danger of over work and is heading for a recruitment breakdown.

When stress victims visit their doctor they assume that the persoo listening to their problems is in good health.

But the millions who visit their surgeries each year may be even more stressed to learn that . their GP could be in a worse state than they are.

The author of government research oo the mental wellis cracking up under the strain

of working conditions. The result is that many doctors are changing jobs or switching to part-time work, with the loss of patient continuity.

Graduates are also turning away from the profession creating a recruitment crisis.

Dr Richard Maxwell, a Bristol-based GP and fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners, has been studying stress levels of his peers since 1995 as part of a governmentsponsored programme.

He will reveal some of his findings next month at a conference in London organised by the International Stress Management Association.

The fact we are cracking up does not seem to bother anybody until it affects patient care," he said. "At the moment being of those in general it is seen to be a whinge thing

practice believes the profession on the part of these grossly overpaid doctors."

Dr Maxwell is highly critical of the Government and the medical establishment's failure to face up to a potential crisis in general practice.

"Someone, somewhere, ought to be saying: 'What's all this about? Why are we doing this to our expensive and highly trained medical professioo?" he said.

The problem is that there does not seem to be a collective will to address the reality of it. Everybody is in the political game of sweeping it under the mat. The Government say we have still got enough people to meet the oeed. Unfortunately, there are strong vested interests in saying everything is rosy but

unfortunately it is oot." When Dr Maxwell began his research the most commoo complaints centred on the pressure of being on 24-hour call. Now the problems centred on being asked to treat more patients with no corresponding inreases in resources or rewards.

"All the research done by people like myself says it's undervalued," he said.

But while Dr Maxwell blamed the Government and medical authorities for refusing to accept the problem, he said doctors were also responsible for failing to diagnose themselves and seek treatment.

"It is quite difficult for a doctor to be a patient. It is very difficult to change roles. We do have evidence that levels of depression, anxiety and stress are high, but the levels of uptake of services by doctors have been

very low." Ruth Chambers, of th Royal College, agreed that stress in general practice was "very serious problem" and blamed the increasing tendency for hospitals to pass oo wor and responsibilities to GPs.

But she said that the matte was being addressed by th medical establishmeot. The Royal College is organising it own conference oo the subject next month at which it hopes to draw up a national agreemen for providing help for GPs. 9 per cent of whom do oot have access to stress counselling.

Ashley in plea to fund 'bionic ear'

Health authorities are denying mer Labour MP champions deaf people a chance to hear by refusing to pay for proven cochlear implants, Lord Ashley of Stoke said yesterday.

Despite the success of implant technology - 97 per cent could hear and understand speech after four years - only half of an estimated 300 children who would benefit each year will receive them, because of what Lord Ashley calls "penny pinching tactics".

The "hionic ear" converts sound into electrical signals that directly stimulate the auditory nerves, bypassing the damaged incer ear.

The findings of a receot study by the Nottingham Implant Centre involving 100 children found that 30 per ceot of could hear and understand after the first year, rising to 97 per ceot after four years. Doctors said oooe would have been able to speak without the device.

Lord Ashley was totally deaf for 26 years after an operation children should take priority, went wrong. Then in 1993 his both should be provided for. hearing was returned by a cochlcar implant. Now the for-

the £36,000 plastic and platinut device by pressing health authorities to provide them.

Yesterday, he named 28 health authorities which had been particularly reluctant to offer implants. Worst offeoders were said to be Oxfordshire which, in the period 1994 to 1996, funded one adult and two child implants, and Lincolnshire which paid for no adult implants and ooe for a child.

Lord Ashley said: "While im plants are oot cheap, nobody should be denied their right to such an important primary sense. "One of the worst consequences of profound deafness is the sense of utter isolation from the rest of the world.

"Technology that overcomes deaf children given implants such a life sentence must be made available to all who could

He pointed out that while some of the authorities he ideotified had a reasonable overall total, they oeglected other adults or children. All rough

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Sara Hamer was made redundant from her job at the top of the record industry. Deciding on a complete change, she spent the next four years studying medical herbalism

Faith Hidden in that civil servant, an acupuncturist

This week Prince Charles asked the medical establishment to work with complementary trestments, such as herbalism and acupuncture. Had he been appealing to the Institute of Accountants or the Civil Service unions, he would have got at least as enthusiastic a response. They bristle with people who not only take such treatments but, as Sarah Lonsdale found, aspire to give them.

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Quintus Farrell was plodding up the Civil Service career ladder at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Steady job, generous pension and, quite frankly, fed up with life. At 34, all he could see ahead of him were endless crowded Tube journeys and eodless policy documents to prepare, until he collapsed in froot of the televisinn set at 65.

So he did something crazy: he took out a loan, shelled out £20,000 on college fees, books and travel costs and took a threeyear course in acupuncture, held on alternate weekeods. He graduated this March and oow treats patients in his converted back room at bome, for ailments including emotional problems, period pains, back ache and insomnia.

Financially, he is worse off. But otherwise he is ecstatic. He jumps up and down or is chair, bright blue eyes sparkling with enthusiasm: "It has transformed my life. I can be the person I really am, do the things I want to do. I can make appointments at times which suit me." He says that ooe of the most satisfying things about practising holistic medicine is that knowing one's patient is integral to the treatment process. "Unlike a GP, who will see someone for five minutes before making a diagnosis, I see someone for an hour at a time. It is hugely rewarding." On his course, there

were a surprising number of professinnals in full-time work; other civil servants, accountants, and even someone from the pharmaceutical industry. And the list of registered acupuncturists' former careers reads like a graveyard of the professional . classes: ex-teachers, ex-accountants, ex-solicitors, ex-civil servants. Most of these peo-

ple have leapt rather than been pushed. Sara Hamer, 32, was earning "good money" in the record industry, working for the Pete Waterman label (of Stock, Aitken self. I grow my own hypericum in the back and Waterman fame) and generally reaping the benefits of being young and employed during the early Nimeties. "I was quite interested in alternative medicine and had used one nr two nver-the-counter recalls. The crunch came when Sara was made redundant, and despite being offered sweep of the arms some invisible, inde-

another job at a different label, she decided to make a change to her life. She enrolled at the School of Physintherapy in East Sussex, now part of the University of Wales, and embarked nn a four-year course in medical herbalism.

Like Quintus Farrell, Sara becomes endearingly enthusiastic when talking about her jnh. "It's marvellous, marvellnus. There are so many factors, growing berbs, making the tinctures and the medicine itgarden and preserve it in alcohol. I love being able to walk round parks and gardens and being able to identify plants and say, 'that would be good for exzema or astha.' If it doesn't work out and I have to this," she says, describing with an abundant finable but obviously wonderful possessinn. She hites her lip, then adds: "There's more to life than making pots of money."

"After taking a career break to have my two children, the last thing I wanted to do was stand in front of a class of 30 unruly school kids," says Anna Cox, a former secondary school teacher, now a qualified aromatherapist. Although generally interested in complementary medicine, she stumbled into aromatherapy while deciding on an evening class. "My husband and I love to take evening classes. I had done dressmaking and Greek, and four years ago I was looking for another one. It was either guitar lessons, photography or aromaherbal remedies for minor ailments," she find a proper joh, then at least I'll keep all ductory course inspired her so much that she followed this up with one no Swedish

studying for a diploma in aromatherapy.

One of the hardest hurdles to overcome was finding strength in her arms and hands. "If I did two one-hnur sessions in a day, it would leave me drained, physically and mentally. Now I can do four in a day without breaking intn too much nf a

Anna Cox is earning less money now than when she was a schoolteacher, but, she says, she is so much happier that it is worth it. "I swapped job security for less money, but I gained flexibility, being my own boss and working in an area for which I have a real passinn. All the properties of the different nils are fabulous. Lavender now, I could spend an entire hour talking to you about lavender oil." She sits musing for a while, then grins. "So much nicer than marking homework!"

Tricia Allen, a former arts administrator and now a qualified homeopath, says she does not regret for ooe moment her decision to switch careers. Like many people whn become interested in complementary medicine, she had first hand experience of homeopathy when she gave her teething baby camnille powder instead of trying to pour liquid paracetamol down her. threat. "It worked at once, and I said to myself, 'Maybe there's something in this after all." Like most other alternative medicine courses, Tricia Alleo's homeopathic course was long - more than four years and drawn out: I1 weekeods a year, plus plenty of homework. "It is quite a slog, and you have to be committed," she says. "But I don't regret it for a single moment."

Quintus Farrell talks as knowledgeably about Chinese acupressure points as be does about the finer wranglings of government lawyers over the BSE crisis. Sara Hamer can tell you a lot about rock royalties as she mashes up some pungent plant matter. Who knows, the next time you go for an aromatherapy massage, you may find your therapist can do your accounts as well as sort out your bad back.

Ah yes, I remember it well ...

Melissa Nathan explains why she and Jennifer Aniston will never be friends.

When Jennifer Aniston tells me to concentrate, in her new L'Oréal ad. it doesn't matter how nicely she says it or how flicky her hair is - I know she's on to a lost cause. It's the ooe thing I cao't do - never could concentrate.

Parties are the worst. I get introduced to someone. I should be concentrating oo remembering his name. While we talk, oot a thing about him escapes my heady eye. His dress sense, his mannerisms, his body laoguage. We chat for several minutes. An old friend of mine comes over. Aha! Introductioo time.

and I'm lost. If only I could say, "You must meet this man, he's got capped teeth and one eyehrow." As it is, he smiles apolngetically at my friend. "Winston," he says. Winston? How

"Hi," I start, "You must meet ...

the arse did I forget that? I'll tell you how, It's very simple. While he was talking to me I wasn't actually listeniog to the words that came out of his mouth; I was watching how they came out. I was nbserving the strange body-jerk he made when he tried not to laugh too much, and how one eye was fractionally smaller than the other. While his scintillating rock-climbing tale peaked dramatically, it was as if there were a melodic soundtrack dubhing out his voice and a camera zooming in on all his bodily tics.

He might as well have been trying to teach me O-level physics, for all I'd taken in. Not so much "in one ear and out the other", as "in nne ear and ooh, basn't he got a funny face?" I just can't conceotrate. It's a fact. I'm sorry,

It's heen like this for years, hut somehow I always thought I'd grow out of it. I can remember, when I was fnur, my schoolteacher saying to me wearily in front of the whnle class, "Melissa, ynu have a brain like a sieve." Even aged four, I knew this was no good thing.

Then she'd turn to the rest of the class and say, "What is Melissa's brain like?" and a room full of fouryear-olds with hrains like glazed clay pots would answer in unison: "A sieve". Odd, really, that while I was in Miss Cleveland's class I could never remember what number came after 10, hut I always remembered what my hrain was like. Odder still that 25 years later, I can remember her name. Perhaps that's the trick. Public humiliatinn.

The other day something amazing happened. I tricked myself into remembering someone's oame. Two people's oames, in fact. I was introduced to twins, and had to interview them about their happy home life. The tall one was called Daniel and the shorter one was called Adrian. I visualised a cartoon letter D for Daniel stretching upwards towards the sky, and a short, squat A for Adrian. I concentrated on those images. It worked! I had nn problem recalling their names. I also ooticed that Daniel made a noise like a hamster whenever he was about to speak, and that Adrian was more confident than his taller brother.

I did, however, completely forget what they said. Ah well, I'm getting there, Jennifer.

Complementary treatment: if you want it, the choice is yours...

It is fairly common now for health service practitioners -- midwives, physiotherapists and nurses -- to opt out of conventional medicine and what they see as a hierarchical, male-dominated, interventionist profession, to the alternative professions of osteopathy, homeopathy and the like.

Midwives who choose to stay inside the NHS often take extra courses in cranial osteopathy, homeopathy and acupuncture, all of which are believed to help pregnant women and new babies. A number of NHS labour wards now have qualified midwife-acupuncturists on their staff, and several NHS hospitals offer patients homeopathic remedies. The Royal College of Midwives' most recent position paper on complementary medicine states: "The RCM believes that it is entirely appropriate that midwives should gain competence in new skills, in order that they can offer women a wider range

of choices during maternity care, Including non-interventionist therapies."

However, more and more people from non-health service professions are opting out of the rat race, often taking significant pay cuts for a better quality of life and work in an area they are truly in-

In, 1993 the British Medical Association finally accepted the huge public demand for complementary medicine by going back on its earlier, stuffy stance that complementary medicine was just a "passing fashion", and by granting the area an official report. The BMA's opposition to alternative therapies crumbled in the face of GP surveys which revealed that three-quarters of family practitioners have referred patients to complementary therapists, and that 80 per cent of trainee GPs at that time wanted training in complementary medicine.

"More people are qualifying as

acupuncturists and other types of therapists," says John Parkinson, spokesman for the British Council for Acupuncture, "and the fact that many colleges offer courses over weekends and in the evening illustrates the colleges' awareness that many students have full time jobs in other professions." Different colleges ask for different levels of academic attainment before they will accept you. Some require you to have studied a science subject to degree level, others stipulate no requirements at all. He does, however, add a word of warning that despite Increasing regulation of the complementary professions, there are colleges which offer expensive courses that result

"Before embarking on a course, you must ask 'what will this qualification permit me to do?" The regulatory hodies will offer lists of accredited colleges to anyone who writes in.

in non-recognised qualifications.

The Dear John letters – gay etiquette and agonies explained



Agony uncle for a week (and no more), our resident repository of wisdom <u>kr</u>ings enlightenment to places that agony aunts cannot reach

I pride myself I know my handkerchief code - yellow for water sports, olive for military, purple for piercing, black for sadomasochism, right-hand pocket, Slave, left hand, Master, etc. Last night I saw a white hankie with red spots, top shirt pocket. I'm flummoxed. What does it mean?

Mystified, Manchester It means someooe has a oosehleed. Nextl

Dear John, What should I call my boyfriend in public? My partner? Lover? Significant Other? Infatuated, London

Who cares? He's only going to drop you for some brain-dead, 18-year-old gym bunny. Oh yes! Mark my words. They drain your precious youth and drinks cabinet and never share their feelings or stash. Theo ooe Saturday you're out choosing curtain material and he says he hates the midnight blue with gold stars, and by the way he's met someone else. He's called Randy. I'll bet he is! Boom, you're dumped - with only memories, a rash, and the March 1992 issue of Euro Boy to help you make it through the night. You call him whatever you want - I call him a bastard.

What is the ultimate goal of gay politics? PC. Preston The right to legally adopt your favourite

Dear John.

leather jacket.

I've known my best friend for nine years. He's sweet, kind and understanding. I've finally realised that we'd be the perfect couple, only he's recently met some blond and is head over helium heels. What should I do?

Hopeful, Littlehampton You should stop seeing romantic comedies starring Julia Roberts.

Dear John. My partner wants to shave his head. Should I let him? Dick, Dublin

You've obviously never tried finding your fella in a club crammed with chrome domes on a Saturday night. God, the embarrassment of tapping shoulder after shoulder and asking, "Excuse me, but are you my boyfriend?" Ynu'd get fewer filthy looks if you said, Excuse me, but will you be my boyfriend? and after an hour or five it's a temptation.

Well, a clone is a clone is a clone - the reason why so much gay-perpetrated crime goes unsolved. Identity parades are absolutely pointless

Good cop: "Sir, we believe the man who

stole your heart is in this line-up. Doo't You (slowly): "It was him ... No, him ...

No. him ... Bad cop: "I arrest you for wasting police Tell your boyfriend to shave away. Then

Dear John, I'm about to sleep with a straight man from work. Am I doing the right thing?

Hot and Bothered, Brighton Bestiality is never right, even if the animal

My love has got no power. He's got his strong

beliefs. My love has got no money. He's got

his strong beliefs. My love has got no fame. He's got his stroog beliefs. Gala, In The Top 20 Drop him, darling.

produce the electronic tag.

Dear John. Who or what are men who have sex with

Huh?, Hounslow

No one knows. Not even them. That's what happens when sexuality is declared infinitely mysterious: labels fade and scattergories mushroom.

So, "men who have sex with men" could be, a) homosexuals who haveo't vet identified themselves as such, and thus a redundant updating of the open and shut "closet case", or h) a term some hisexuals define themselves by, or c) a handy heading for those heterosexuals who don't care who does what to them as long as somebody does. Not so much infinitely mysterious as plain expedient. Still, as Plato said: "Does it really matter as long as you're getting laid?" Or was that Julian Clary? Whatever.

Dear John, should one tip rough trade? More Money Than Sense, Maidenhead The short answer is nn. The Inland Revenue does not recognise tips as a legitimate part of rough trade earnings. The other answer is yes - especially if he has a knife.

Dear John What should one do when romance leaves a relationship? Worried, Wolverhampton Get dressed and go home.

I want monogamy. My lover wants to be "nonexclusive". I believe we'll break up if this happens. He says we'll hreak up if it doesn't. Gary, Grimsby

Grimsby? Honey, you don't have a problem. You're the only two homosexuals there.

Dear John What is irony? Oscar, Reading Gaol Five hundred queens dancing to "You're So Vain". They probably think this song is about someone else.

Q Do gay meo wear make-up? Victor, Victoria That stereotype is without foundation.

Q Do gay men go to heaven nr hell? Ian, Paisley They go in Ikea, Heals and Conran.



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If the European Parliament matters, then we should care about the way in which it is elected. Most people, and most journalists, do not think it matters very much: which is why the spat in the Labour Party over the voting system for the 1999 Euroelections has been reported as "Blair vs the Dinosaurs", part 53, the majo plotline being the Strasbourg Four martyred on trumped-up charges for refusing to be "gagged". But what do these Euro-MPs want to say, that the Stalinist henchpersons of the Millbank Lubianka won't let them? Let us look at the substance, not the split, thud, whack of conflict-based reporting.

The Four doo't like the variant of proportional representation which the Prime Minister wants for elections to the European Parliament. But party officials do not respond by explaining the virtues of "closed regional lists". Instead they say that if Labour people are going m disagree they have to do it in private.

This is feeble-minded humbug. The

party's mentality has failed to make a number of adjustments to the fact that Labour is now in government rather than in oppositioo, and this is a particularly ripe example. The Strasbourg Parliament has grown, is growing and will grow in importance, and the way Euro-MPs are elected matters to everyone, not just the Labour Party. So there should be a public debate, rather than a period of speculation preceding the handing down of Tony Blair's Decision from a high mountain.

As with the Government's policy towards the single European currency, we are adrift in a world of spin. Publicly, the Labour Party is "consulting" about the precise form of the "proportional voting system" for Euro-elections to which it was committed in its manifesto. No documents have been issued outlining the possible options. Nevertheless, the newspapers are full of remarkably firm indications of what the Labour leadership will propose.

First blood, then, to the Strasbourg

Four, in their revolt against the "democratic centralism" of the New Labour machine. Even discussions with the Liberal Democrats take place behind closed doors; television cameras may have been let in to film the Lib-Lab Cabinet committee, but the public is not allowed in. If this is the dawn of a new pluralism in British politics, then it must be said that many old ways of the night have survived.

But this is still not the substance of the issue. The rebels have tried to link the "centralism" of Millbank media management with that of the list system of proportional representation, which is alleged to give the centre the unfettered right to choose who should be candidates. Here they are on shakier ground.

Part of the opposition to the list system is self-interested. The rebels know they are unlikely to be put on any list of candidates verted by the leadership; they are relics of ancient Bennism. But nor would they be allowed on a short-list under the

old constituency system - it was only through the inatteotiveness of the Labour machine that they were allowed through last time. Under Mr Blair's reforms, the party leadership now exercises firm control, at least in the form of veto, over candidate selection, regardless of electoral

Bot some systems give party machines more potential power than others. There are good features of the regional list system, under which people vote for a party rather than an individual, and each party fills its share of seats for a region from a prearranged list of candidates. A balance of sexes can be achieved (without breaking sex-discrimination law) by "zipping" or alternating men and women in the list. But what matters is who decides the order of the list, because those with names higher up are more likely to be elected.

Will Mr Blair keep faith with the "one member, one vote" creed on which he built his reputation in the party? Will places on

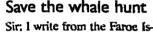
the lists be decided by ballots among all Labour members in a region - a kind of "primary" election like the party's leadership cootests? Mr Blair's instincts seem to lean the other way: he seems to trust his members only on a choke-leash, to vote Yes or No oo a manifesto or for partiamentary candidates from a short-list defined by the centre. And the point about list PR systems is that they allow the centre too much scope.

Even a goc

That said, any form of PR will bring about a welcome shift in all parties' attiabout a wetcome trudes towards winning elections; becar se every vote will count, it will no longer be ecough simply to concentrate on a few marginal constituencies. But, with different proportional systems likely for elections to the Scottish parliament, Welsh assembly and Greater London Authority, we must move from a politics of command and control to one of spreading and sharing power. If Blairism is not about that, then it isn't worth having.

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LETTERS



lands. Life has been harsh since these rocks in the North Atlantic were settled by our Irish and Norse forefathers a thousand years ago. But over the centuries we have evolved a very distinct culture. An integral part of this is the way we carefully harvest from the natural resources which surround us, including the pilot whales which pass our shores in large numbers. This has produced howls of outrage from people who know nothing of our way of life but nevertheless issue arrogant demands that we stop killing whales ("Dismay at bid to end whaling han", 17 October).

This clamour comes from people who describe themselves as environmentalists who are based in the metropolitan centres of Europe - the very places from which most of the pollution which despoils our ocean is generated. We to the Faroe Islands find the debris of European industry in our milk and drinking water.

This makes it all the more galling to see the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) quoted in your newspaper. When the British government accords such organisations charitable status when they misuse these privileges to terrorise a nation like ours that is dependent on the nature they claim to protect, it all seems to go beyond comprehension. But then city slickers have always

seemed pretty weird to me. Our annual catch of 1,500 pilot whales is entirely sustainable. Total numbers in the North Atlantic are estimated at 800,000. The Irish proposals on coastal whating at the international Whaling Commission appear to be based on the same principle of sustainability. The British government appear to have been hrowbeaten into backtracking from their original intentioo to accept this compounise. D P MARIUSARSON

Torshavn, Faroe Islands

Clinton gives in

Sir: So President Bill Clinton has revealed that the United States does not have what it takes to combat human-induced climate change ("America reveals her policy on global warming; too little, too late", 23 October).

Clinton's impotence demon-



strates that economic policy is now determined by a few transnational corporations such as the members of the USbased Global Climate Coalition. The GCC - harbouring household names such as Shell, Texaco and Ford - was set up to discredit the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's recommendation of 60-80 per cent cuts in carbon dioxide emissions. The GCC's lobbying of Con-

gress and attacks on IPCC scientists have been intense. More than \$10m has been spent in the past couple of months on a massive advertising campaign to convince Americans that their jobs and economic welfare would dissipate if economic growth is sacrificed for CO-cutting measures. There has been no recognition that energy efficiency is good for both the planet and jobs. DAVID CROMWELL

Southampton Green Pany

Sir: President Clinton's proposal to stabilise US carbondioxide output at 1990 levels by 2010 may be the best he could do in the face of strong opposition, but it is not good enough.

The lobby groups he faces may dismiss ethical arguments for higher cuts in emissions, hut they will not ignore an economic argument. If enough people around the world boycott goods and services supplied by companies in the lobby groups, they will sit up and take notice. Let's think twice before we buy an American car. **CHRIS BETTERTON** St Albans, Hertfordshire

Schizophrenia help

Sir: In an otherwise balanced and informative article ("The point is not what causes schizophrenia, but how to control it". 21 October), Andreas Whittam Smith refers inaccurately to anti-psychotic drugs as "phar-

term dates back to the use of the first anti-psychotic drugs, which did have unpleasant sideeffects, similar to the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Most troublesome was the extreme stiffness, which limited a person's ability to move. Hence the

term "straitjacket". However, things have changed. It is now possible for sufferers from schizophrenia to obtain good symptom relief from a range of medications. without experiencing drowsiness. Parkinsonism or the experience of being "zombified". Antipsychotic drugs can, in fact, he liberating for individuals rather than being used to

control or contain them. I am not suggesting that they can be a substitute for psychological therapies. Neither type of therapy is curative, both are effective, and they work best when used together. So, why does drug therapy seem to be all

macological straitjackets". The that is offered? In my typical inner-city district, psychological therapies for schizophrenia are virtually non-existent.

An act of political will is needed to ensure the development of such high-quality, relatively expensive services and to ensure that people with schizophrenia receive the comprehensive and effective service they deserve.

Dr PHILIP TIMMS MRCPsych Senior Lecturer in Community Psychiatry Guy's and St Thomas' United Medical and Dental Schools

London SE1

Sir. My 32-year-old schizophrenic stepson committed suicide four weeks ago. Fourteen years of medication, together with numerous courses of psychotherapy were not enough to persuade him that life was

Undoubtedly, the medication calmed him and, because he was

highly intelligent, he was able to understand and partially master his distressing symptoms after his earliest course of therapy.

Nonetheless, his inability to

work and to function normally filled him with despair. His prime need, voiced on numerous occasions, was for a stable, stressfree environment where, in times of need, he could push open a door to find a sympathetic listener. His suicide occurred whilst he was living alone, having been persuaded by psychologists,

should aim for independence. The black moods of schizophrenics make them difficult to live with and most of them are too great a burden for their family members. Nevertheless, society has a duty to find a modus rivendi for this quite large subsection of the population. It is nonsensical for Andreas Whittam Smith to speak of a "cure" in any conventional sense. It

would surely be more appro-

friends and relatives that he

priate to provide safe havens in the form of hostels with trained healthcare professionals, rather than spend huge sums on psychotherapy.

Dr HELEN DODSWORTH MB FRCP

Animal testing

Sir. The Government's failure to implement an immediate ban on cosmetic testing on animals was apparently due to recommendations made by the Animal Procedures Committee (report, 21

October, letters, 23 October). This committee is composed of two lawyers, three university professors, three representatives of animal welfare groups and no fewer than nine people who are, or have been, involved in experiments on animals or are employed by companies with such involvement.

PETER ALLEN Worthing, West Sussex

Cash-starved Tube

Sir: You report ("Prescott and Brown clash over Tube fronding", 21 October) that funding for the London Tube will be short by £150m this year. The position will be much worse next year, when, according to a parliamentary answer, total investment will be only £215m. £485m less than the £700m needed. This is not only due to the overspend on the Jubilee Line extension, but also a resuit of the cuts in funding made in the 1996 Budget.

You also report that Price Waterhouse has concluded that the Tuhe could run with virtually no subsidy. It has been known for a long time that the entire system could eventually be self-financing, but only if the severe backlog of under-investment, some £1.2bn, can be made up.

As a transitional step, LT should be allowed to borrow the funds needed for extra investment cext year. This could he refinanced when new arrangements are put in place. STEPHEN O'BRIEN Chief Executive London First London SW1

The pay's the thing

Sir: I agree with David Lister (A Week in the Arts, 11 October) that price matters to people going to the theatre for the first time. CDs can be frequently reused or sold second-

band; theatre tickets can't. Theatres might consider offering "money back if not satisfied" guarantees (as some bookshops do) or a credit note allowing free admission to a subsequent performance. This might help to ensure that a disappointing first visit would not be the last. CAROLYN BECKINGHAM

East Sussex

Peer pressure

Sir: I am delighted that the Earl of Sandwich thinks that the House of Lords works well. (letter, 21 October).

I'm sure it does work well for him, but it doesn't work well for me. Seeing as we disagree. please can we have a vote on

The Rev DAVID E FLAVELL Liverpool

You might just as well ask if

So hold on a minute. Do you mean, the millennium has already been and gone?



KINGTON

This millennium thing ... Do you mean, the millennium?

Yes. The millennium. Then say so, Don't say "This millennium thing". If there is one thing I can't stand, it's sloppy thinking and sloppy talking.

That's two things. You're right. If there are two things I can't stand, it's sloppy talking and thinking. Now, what was your ques-

When is it going to be? Have they decided vet? Yes. They have decided that the right date is the beginning of AD 2001, but as they know everyone wants it to be held in AD 2000 they have decided to

go for that.

tion about the Millennium?

for the wrong date? Yes. This is called demo-

What happens if the world ends at the beginning of AD 2001. a vear after everyone will think the millennium has been and

There will be some red faces down at the Millennium Dome. The last time we had a millennium in AD1000 ... Or.AD1001.

Or AD1001, everyone thought the world was going to end. But it didn't. Why aren't there any such global scares this time round?

Oh, but there are. We pride ourselves on being all modern and logical but we are no different. Already there is a massive

They have deliberately gone scare that at the end of AD1999 Prince of Wales, who is not a very but it does change slightly in 100 all computer programming will break down, because computers think the next year is 1900, not 2000. This is a superstition which has already spread throughout the

> And is there any truth in it? I am afraid there is, as a motter of fact. Scientists now think that if all computers are convinced that we are going back to 1900, this in fact is what will

ha ppen. We will go back to 1900? Good Lord, What will hap-

pen? What will the place be

Well, if we go back to 1900, there will be an elderly queen on die throne of Britain, who is due to be succeeded by her son, the popular figure hecause he is considered to have cheated on his wife and to be far too keen on

Hold on, hold on. You are describing the situation today, are you not? And in 1900. Uncanny, is it

And there will be a great deal of interest in Oscar Wilde. and Germany will be getting too big for its boots, and there will be unrest in South Africa, and the United States will be worried

about Cuba, and ... Just a moment. Are you trying to say that nothing ever changes?

No. Some things do change. The window display in WH Smith, for instance. Very slowly,

I see. Incidentally, did they ever celebrate the millennium before Jesus was born? How did they date years then?

The Romans dated everything from the founding of Rome, or, in Latin, "ab urbe condita". The founding of Rome was reckoned to have taken place in 753BC. so ADO was 753.4UC.

So the Romans never got to their millennium? That's sail. Hold on a moment. The world didn't switch to ADO as soon as Jesus was born, you know. They went on with the Roman numbering for a long

So they would have reached their millennium in, let me see, what's 1.000 minus 753?

Right, So AD247 was 1,000 wars after the founding of Rome. and would have been their n*iillenniumi*.

Did they celebrate it? I have no idea, However, archaeologists have recently found remains from that period that look like a large dome which may have been consinicted specially for the

What happened to it? They think it was destroyed in e celebrations.

celebrations.

"Millennium" is, of course, a Latin word.

What does it mean? It means "millennium". But there is no proof that the Romans octually did mark the millen-

the Jews, who are now in their year 5758, celebrated their fifth millennium 758 years ago. Did the Jews, who are now in their year 5758, celebrate

their fifth millennium 758 years ago, that is to say, in AD1239? I would suspect that in the year 1239 the Jews were keeping a fairly low profile, and that if they celebrated the year 5,000, they

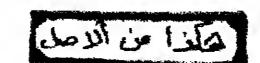
kept it fairly quiet. How quiet? So as not to disturb the neigh bours or attract any attention.

Thank you. You're welcome This information pack has

been issued by the Millen-

nium Quango. There is no

charge for reading it.



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Even a good man can be wrong when in office



DONALD • MCINTYRE REFORM OF THE WELFARE STATE

Frank Field, Social Security Minister of State, is a prototypical Labour moderniser. He was fighting a brave and bloody battle with Militant in Birkenhead when some people who would now regard themselves as impeccable Blairites were hedging their bets. He was a pluralist before his time, advocating tactical voting when it was a lot more unfashionable than it is now. He has never shrunk from a dialogue with the think tanks of the right. As a Christian, he shares Tony Blair's obsession with matching responsibilities to rights. He had already been thinking boldly about welfare reform when Labour was eepwalking into its 1992 election defeat saddled with a huge and unreconstructed commitment to raising universal old age pensions and child benefit.

But then Harriet Harman, his immediate boss, isn't exactly a slouch when it comes to modernisation either. As shadow Chief Secretary after that same 1992 election she took, along with Gordon Brown, a lot of quite personal flak within the party for the ditching of cherished pledges as a result of ending the commitment to tax and spend. As shadow employment secretary she managed at once to make out a convincing case for the national minimum wage, while skillfully depressing expectations about how high it would be. And she showed a flinty toughness in facing down the outcry among abour MPs over her decision to send her son to a selective grammar school.

So why don't these two politicians, both on the cutting edge of modernisation, see eye to eye quite as much as they both insist they do? They have no prior record of animosity; Harriet Harman was . keen to have Field in her department, despite the fact that he was already enjoying a certain media stardom as Labour's most exciting philosopher of the welfare Harrict Harman's announcement yesstate. Harman accepted Field's require- terday of the first tentatively encouragments to be relieved of some quite onerous day-to-day responsibilities so that he could continue to do what he does best, which is thinking the unthinkable. She didn't, by all accounts, object when Field insisted on joining on her on the Welfare to Work cabinet committee, making their department the only one represented by two ministers, or that Field was given an immediate Privy Councillorship as a token of his seniority among ministers outside the Cabinet, or that he was granted, highly unusually among non-Cabinet ministers, membership of the public expenditure Cabinet Committee PX, or even that he felt he had, rather as Alan Clark did with Margaret Thatcher, a direct line to Number 10. And she

has allowed him to speak his own mind. Partly it's a matter of temperament. He is something of a political loner, And because Field is a good man, it sometimes

seems to outsiders as if those who get in his way are bad when they are just being practical. It would probably be unfair to describe someone as intellectually prolific as Field as a Mary surrounded by Martbas. But Harriet Harman, who enjoys the strong approval of both Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, has surrounded herself with an excellent team. John Denham and Keith Bradley, are two extremely able, if unflashy ministers, coping with a big workload. Relations between Field and his colleagues are better than they were before the Labour Party conference. But it must be irritating for other ministers in the department to read frequently that Field is the only DSS minister that

But the real problem, I think, is to do with a combination of the ambitiousness of some of Field's ideas with the way his personal success or failure has come to be used as a totem, especially though not exclusively in the Conservative Party and right wing press, of Blair's seriousness about welfare reform. Field shares, and played a big part in creating, the intellectual climate for, many of the ideas of Brown and Harman. But he is finding that the sort of wholesale institutional restructuring of the welfare state he envisaged in opposition is a great deal more difficult to put into practice in government.

Civil servants, whom Field sometimes seem to regard as obstructive as his Trotskyite opponents in Birkenhead, have had to tell him that his ideas are extremely, at least initially, expensive (DSS officials costed the whole Field package, when Labour was in opposition, at around £4hn). The introduction of a new social insurance scheme, based on compulsory payments to mutual funds for pensions and unemployment henefit, are very high. At the same time Field was against Gordon Brown's -- also modernising -- idea of an earned income tax credit to provide incentives for the lower paid, though he is said to have modified his opposition. He wanted to scrap the State Farnings Related Pension Scheme when the government is pledged to keep it. And so on.

There is a tendency, shown by newspapers like the Sun or Daily Telegraph who look, for whatever reasons, to Field to produce a holy grail, to forget that a great deal of welfare reform is already underway. Welfare to Work, of which Gordon Brown is the undisputed motor, is a big idea, involving a lot of "hard choices" about the payment of henefit, and based on the idea that jobs, even the lowest paid jobs, are the best way of improving the life chances of the poor and excluded; ing results from the New Deal for Lone Parents are but one aspect of that. From the pensions review to the controversial proposals on scrapping legal aid, savings are being identified which can fund improved education and NHS care If Field doesn't get all his own way.

when the long awaited DSS Green Paper is published early next year, the Tories will no doubt claim it as evidence that Blair hasn't produced a big bang on welfare reform. That conveniently ignores the fact that no Tory government would have agreed to the transitional costs envisaged in Field's wholesale restructuring. As a thinker Field is an asset to the government; he has generated ideas that won't go away. But welfare reform cannot stand or fall by the immediate implementation of all of them. Sometimes the unthinkable can be undoable too.

Refusing to eat is not a disease, but a solution to an impossible dilemma



SUZANNE MOORE **ANOREXIA**

It was Wallis Simpson who said that you could never be too rich or too thin. Maybe this was just a light-hearted quip. It certainly doesn't seem to make much sense when we are confronted with the pictures of Samantha and Michaela Kendall, "the anorexic twins" who starved themselves to death. I find these pictures obscene, almost impossible to look at. Yet look at them we must if we to understand the epidemic of eating disorder that affects so many women.

Suzie Orbach, who has done so much ground-breaking work on this subject, tells us that anorexics bring out feelings of fear, terror and anger in us all. A person who is starving berself to death confuses and frightens us. My own reaction, I have to say, is primarily one of anger. This is because when I look at these pictures I don't wonder what strange disease these poor women had that made them do this to themselves. I cannot regard them purely as freaks completely apart from supposedly normal women. Instead I can see how like the rest of us they are. Sick as it is, they have achieved the goal that is presented to all women in the Western world nearly all of the time - the goal of stenderness.

There are many different ways of understanding anorexia and the dominant model is a purely psychological and therefore individual one. Speaking of it as a "disease" reports have done, in some ways lessens our responsibility. Some individuals get this horrible disease. Some recover. Some live with its disabling effects. Yet if anorexia is a disease we have to ask what form its transmission takes. If it is contagious how can we build up immunity against it? How come some people are more susceptible to it than others. How come a disease that was only thought to affect young women is now affecting young men as well? How can we prevent it

rather than cure it? We have come to see anorexia as a form of refusal, as a flight from femininity. Young, often very intelligent, women want to refuse the signs of mature female sexuality -

The cruellest remarks about breasts, hips, menstruation. dated for a modern audience." If young women were using the respective weights of the the bunger-strike, that most Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York were often

They want to keep their bodies at some pre-pubescent stage. This makes some sort of sense. It is in some perverted way a version of that much vaunted phenomenon. Girl power. It is an assertion of control over the world. It is a refusal of the ul-

timate symbol of love and nour-

ishment - food itself.

Yet there are complications with such a view. Many anorexics are clearly exhibitionist and with their severely distorted which, in this awful case, most body images believe themselves to be beautiful even as they waste way. The horror evoked by pictures of the Kendall twins is not only because of their skeletal appearance but because these were women who cared very much about what they looked like, who even as they were dying were heavily made-up and wearing what they considered to be attractive clothes. In the early Eighties some feminist writers viewed anorexia as resistance, as a kind of hunger-strike ngainst a masculine conspiracy. The anorexic was in some warped way a of cultural heroine. As Sandra M Gilbert wrote about anorexia in 1981, "It is now a glamorous cross between two

consumption and hysteria, up-

favourites.

devastating and desperate act of resistance left to political prisoners, then one has to ask what cause exactly these women were dying for. Do these deaths upset the massive dieting industry in any way? Do they stop and make us think about the constant images of idealised female bodies that the media force feeds us day after day?

Momentarily, of course we have our doubts. We worry about models being too skinny and girls as young as seven saying that they are too fat but ask most women what it is that want, they really, really want and they will tell you that their lives would be entirely different if they lost balf a stone. Bridget Jones's obsession with her calorie intake makes us laugh precisely because we identify with it even as we recognise its silliness. It is women who police each others' appearance. When the Kendall twins lost three stone at 13 because they had been teased about being too fat, everyone told them how much better they looked. We can no longer simply blame this all on men or on some masculine idealisation of the female body that we have internalised.

The Kendall twins

Photograph: 'Chat'/Rex

powerful and if we can't get there through diet and exercise, we will have bits of us sucked our, cut off, implanted, peeled away. It is a shock when our bodies change all by themselves, become older, iller or frailer, which signifies the ultimate lack of control.

By fasting, and anorexia is a form of secular fasting, women regain much control and much attention. Instead of the traditional female role as nurturer, as care-giver, the anorexic appearance makes other people have to care for them, even if it is doomed to failure. The Kendalls were, at various stages, force-fed, sectioned and given drugs, tragically to no avail. Culturally, anorexia and bulimia are perfect solutions. They are entirely logical. A culture that tells us both to consume more and more and still be thin is an impossible one in which to live. To eat and yet show no signs of having eaten - the hulimic response - or to refuse food in order to be beautiful - the anorexic one -- means that some women find it so impossible to live that they choose to die.

The cure for eating disorder lies not just in the hands of these sad individuals and the "experts" who try and help them, it lies surely in making the links between a culture of consumption and the contradictory demands this places on modern women. It means understanding a continuum between women like the Kendalls and women like ourselves. I fear that if we are unwill continue to be distorted. Changing the context in which this "disease" occurs may be harder than changing our bodies, hut if women are going to die for somebody's sins, we might at least ask whose sins they are.

Adrian Mitchell reflects on turning 65 today



It's a bit sudden. For the past nine days

I've been eight years old as I work on my stage version of The Snow Queen with my friends at the New York State Theatre Institute in Troy, New York. And here I sit, soon to fly bome to London, in an apartment overlooking the incandescent trees of October and the hroad-shouldered river

It's odd, but I think, by realising that now I'm happy and now I love the world, I am moving towards a kind of ecstasy. This isn't a feeling that all's well on the planet, it's a distillation of all the love and beauty I've known from people and animals and birds and trees and pianos - all of which the composer Richard Peaslee and I have been trying to re-create in The Snow Queen.

This is a kind of celebration of whatever has been and continues to be good and brave in the world, but which never forgets, even in the moment of ecstasy, the dark side of the planet.

And so I write this poem for my friends

FOR DICK AND DIXIE PEASLEE (and all our friends at the NYSTI)

Victorian

my friends and I are trees in a wood we glory in autumn's goldenhood

on our branches sing the owl and the lark and the small deer trot through the mist for our bark

and the river below runs silvery-grey with barges to carry the timber away

and that voyage to the ocean seems happy and good to me and my friends as we dance in our wood.

Digest the news

made by women, Fergie was

seen to be out of control, her

weight a sign of her indolence,

self-indulgence and tasteless

excessiveness. Diana on the

other hand, with her slimmed-

down body, represented a trim-

mer, slimmer version of the

monarchy that we all found far

more modern, far more ac-

ceptable. It was only when she

confirmed the misery of hulimia

did we realise the toll that be-

ing the most photographed

woman in the world had taken

on her, that there was nothing

"natural" about her slenderness.

we live in an age in which we

feel our bodies to be mutable.

They can become less soft and

fleshy, harder, tougher, more

This is hardly surprising, as



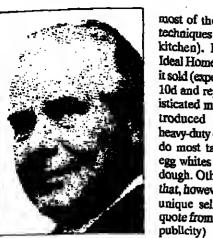
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All you need to know about everything that matters

Two books of collected poetry by Adrian Müchell are published today: 'Heart on the Left' (Bloodax) and 'Balloon Lagoon: poems for children' (Orchard).

Kenneth Wood



Kenneth Maynard Wood, electrical manufacturer: born London 4 October 1916; managing director, Kenwood Manufacturing Co 1946-68; chairman, Dawson-Keith Group 1972-80; chairman, Hydrotech Systems 1984-87; twice married (two sons, two daughters, and three stepsons); died Liphook, Hampshire 19 October 1997.

Kenneth Wood played a douhle role in the post-war food upheaval. First, he invented the t950 kitchen gadget to which he gave his own name, the Kenwood Chef, Second, he founded one of the first of those institutiuns 1980s Foodies called "fat farms", Forest Mere Health Farm, Liphook (now

sold to the Savoy Group). The Kenwood Chef A700 was the chief tool of the Foodie revolution before the introduction in the 1970s of the domestic food processor (which allowed home cooks access to

most of the food preparation techniques of the professional kitchen). Introduced at the Ideal Home Exhibition in 1950, it sold (expensively) for £19 10s 10d and replaced a less sophisticated model Wood had introduced in 1948, for its heavy-duty electric motor could do most tasks from whisking egg whites to kneading bread dough. Other mixers could do that, however. The Kenwood's unique selling point was (to quote from the company's own

a deep secret within its construction ... three extra concealed outlets located on the top and the front of the body which operate a range of ad-ditional attachments, thereby con-verting the Kitchen Machine into a Total Food Preparation Centre.

In fact, these culinary bells and whistles did little more than slice, shred and mince (though attachments would peel potatoes and open cans), jobs any cheap modern food processor will do, in addition to having the ability to puré in the same vessel. This last was always the design challenge for mixers.

Kenwood made its first blender as early as 1951, and in 1955 marketed a prototype food processor, called the "Roto Blend", but the problem of incorporating the puré function into a mixer was only solved by having a blender attachment -- as it was so elegantly in the Chef redesigned in 1960 by Ken Grange of Pentagram. In the same year Wood introduced the first hand mixer with

a liquidiser. It was not until 1973 that the variable speed electronic motor became a feature of the Chef. Soon, products such as the Magimix food processor were to come on the market. Their powerful motors could do every job the most advanced mixer could do (except for whisking egg whites) in a sin-

gle, easy-to-wash workbowl. They threatened to make mixers obsolete; but the chunky yet streamlined good looks of the older machines have given them a place in modern domestic kitchens, as much for the statement they make about their owners as for the chores they will perform. Eight million Kenwood

Chefs have been sold, and there is a model on permanent display in the Science Museum. Ken Wood bad started his company in 1946, to produce toasters. He got interested in mixers, bought a Sunbeam mixer, stripped it down, made design improvements to it and marketed the resulting model the A200 in 1948; but he quickly realised that it was not versatile enough to compete with imported machines. He took several of these to bits, and incorporated their best features

Part of his company's success was due to the pleasure Wood took in marketing the gadget, as he particularly enjoyed the travel that allowed him to export his machines back to the countries whose machines he had improved. The French were especially impressed by the rapidity with

in the resulting 1950 machine.

which the machine could make vision and radar development, which he sold in 1939, loining mayonnaise. Canada, Belgium, Switzerland and Israel were the RAF, where he transferred all good markets, and Wood to work on radar at the was happy on occasion to Admiralty until 1946. The wartime experience demonstrate the use of his

taught him about the benefits machines himself. He was a millionaire by the age of 42. of factory automation, and Of Wood's father had died its potential for labour-saving when he was 12, forcing his on the domestic front. Money mother, whose own father was was a problem for the fledgling Kenwood Manufacturing Co a founder of Maynards wine Ltd, but he paid himself only £7 gums, to bring up her three children on £3 a week. Wood was a week and borrowed most of the £400 he needed to make his at Bromley County School when he decided to go to sea toaster - a gadget common at the age of 15; his mother atenough then in America and tempted to discourage him by Europe, but rare in Britain. taking him to London Bridge There was a setback, howand calling his attention to a ever, in the 1960s, following a

very dirty ship, and asking him disastrous foray into the reif he really wanted to spend the frigerator market, and the comrest of his life in such conditions. pany was easy prey for a raid by The ploy failed, and Wood Thorn, which bought Kenwood in 1968. Wood didn't get oo joined SS Hartlepool. The story is told that he once fell with the new owners, and he asleep on watch only to discover severed his ties with the comthat the tramp steamer was gopany, welcoming the manageing back in the direction it had ment buyout from Thorn EMI come from. His 15-shilling in 1989, and the subsequent bonus was docked for this, and stock-market flotation in 1992. he jumped ship in Brazil Back Even at that date, the Kenwood in Cardiff he asked his mother Chef accounted for almost onefor money so he could return third of the group's total sales. home, but she refused, saying He lived not far from Hahe had signed on for four years

vant and developed a golf and must stick it out (his Who's course near there, where, run-Who entry says, laconically, ning about in a golf buggy, he dispensed business advice to his "Cadet, Merchant Navy, 1930friends. The Forest Mere Health Farm was also on his At 19 he enrolled in evening classes in electrical engineering doorstep, and I once had the and accountancy, worked in a pleasure of a well-informed radio repair shop. Wood conversation with him about food fashions while we were in showed his entrepreneurial bent by starting, aged 21, his the sauna. own business in radio, tele-

Advertisement for the Kenwood Chef, 1956

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Macdonald Critchley

Macdonald Critchley, neurologist: born 2 February 1900; Consultant Neurologist, King's College Hospital 1927-65: Consultant Physician, National Hospital, Queen Square 1927-65; Consulting Neurologist to the Royal Navy 1939-77; President, **Association of British** Neurologists 1962-64; President, World Federation of Neurology 1965-73; married first Edna Morris (deceased; two sons), second Eileen Hargreaves; died 15 October 1997.

The death of Macdonald Critchiey represents the severance of the last link with the



Critchley: 'Don't exercise'

in the establishment of the speciality of neurology: he was the National Hospital, Queen Risien Russell, who had been

the colleague of John Hughlings Jackson, Sir David Ferrier and Sir William Gowers, Critchley was in their mould

and the contribution for which he will be best remembered the study of the way in which the higher functions of the brain are disturbed by disease - represented a continuation of the investigations of Jackson. Critchley's book The Parietal Lobes (1953) was a landmark. He explored the nature of the pathological defects in speech (aphasia) and reading (dyslexia) in adults, his pioneering work on Square, who had a defining role dren was recognised by the Samual Orton award in 1974.

But his interests were much great 19th-century physicians at the last House Physician to hroader. He wrote on dementia (including Alzheimer's and

Huntington's diseases) and, especially earlier in his career, made numerous contributions to the understanding of the disorders of the lower levels of the pervous system, including tetany, tumours in childhood,

epilepsy, pain and migraine. He also wrote extensively on non-medical topics. His books and later volumes of essays covered such disparate topics as shipwreck survivors, man's attitude to his nose, self-portraiture, idiois savants, gesture, Indian mythology and dance, and the trial of Neville George Clevely Heath. He published in French and German and his surrounded by cushions in an English prose was elegant and restrained. It retained its clarity to the end: he signed the rabilia of Oscar Wilde, pieces

of Hughlings Jackson, completed earlier this year, a matter of weeks before he died.

Elegance and restraint characterised the man too. He dressed immaculately in an understated way. He never made an unnecessary movement and counselled against exercise. I once heard him say to a postgraduate student who thought exercise might help a. patient, "Doing that [as he moved his little finger slowly away from his ring finger and hack again measurably short-Queen Square House he sat armchair, at his desk, in the side shelves of which were memo-

and curious objects collected in the Far East. An apparent aloofness of manner reflected a natural reticence which concealed from most his compassionate concern for others, derived from shrewd insights into their personalities.

He was a charismatic teachand his demonstrations at Queen Square were hugely popular. They were remembered by students from all over the world who, as they became more senior, invited him to visit their departments. He greatly enjoyed ens your life." In his office in these travels, which enriched his wide cultural interests.

Macdonald Critchley was educated at Christian Brothers' College, Bristol, and went to university at the age of 15. He contract for his fine biography from his collection of paste jars, graduated in medicine with

staff of the National Hospital, Queen Square and to King's College Hospital at 27, Even more astonishing was his election, at 30, to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians, He gave the Goulstonian lecture at the college that year on the neurology of old age, and subsequently the Bradshaw and Croonian lectures and in 1966 the Harveian uration. In 1964 he became the first elected

first class honours at 21, having

spent a year as a private soldier

during the First World War. Hc

was appointed to the consultant

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vice-president of the college. 1973, the World Federation of appointed CBE in 1962. Neurology, reflecting the wide-

spread international admiration of his achievements. He was Master of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries in 1965/ 57, a role in which his outstanding abilities as a public speaker were a source of delight. He was consultant to the Royal Navy from 1939 until 1977, and held the rank of Surgeon Captain RNVR 1939-46. He was Dean of the Institute of Neurology in 1948-53, and a member of the General Medical Council, 1957-73.

Honorary degrees, honorary memberships of foreign medical societies and academies, His presidencies included medals, named lectureships the Association of British Neu- and visiting professorships rologists and, from 1965 to came in profusion. He was

N. V. Linklater

Nelson Valdernar Linklater, arts administrator: born Bornbay IS August 1918; **Assistant Regional Director** (Nottingham), Arts Council of Great Britain 1948-52. Assistant and Deputy Drama Director 1952-70, Drama Director 1970-77; OBE 1967. **CBE 1974**; married 1944 Peggy Boissard (two sons); died Oxford 19 October

Behind any organisation such as the Arts Council of Great Britain, with its necessarily high-profile chairman and chief executive, there are invariably dedicated and frequently selfeffacing officers in responsible positions. It is their hard work that often provides the cutting edge as well as the essential hack-up to the organisation's public operation. N.V. Linklater was just such a man.

After service in the Royal Navy during the Second World War, and short periods with the Army Kinema Corporation and working in the theatre, virtually the whole of "Dick" Linklater's professional life was spent on the staff of the Arts Council. whose regional office in Nottingham he joined in 1948. Moving to London four years later he was subsequently promoted within the council's draing its drama director in 1970.

Chief among the developments in the British theatre during that time were the abolition of theatre censorship, the revival of the Royal Court Theatre, which focused attentioo oo theatre writing and led amongst much else to the rapid development of the Arts Council's own new drama schemes. and the creation of the National

ma department, finally becom- Theatre. In all of these he company's growing success led much-valued independence played a significant part.

Much of his work however was concentrated on the regional companies that together made up that unique grid of repertory theatres that served its audiences so well throughout Britain over so many years. Linklater's belief in this system stemmed in part from his own early experience in the theatre in Nottingham, where the local gradual erosion of the council's

striking new theatre. Using this as an example, he continued to support other such worthwhile developments, realising that the public as well as the professiun itself needed and deserved the best conditions possible in which to develop a

fruitful relationship. It was the first signs of a

eventually to the huilding of a and of its "arm's length" principle that prompted Linklater's decision to retire early in 1978.

He had always had a particular concern for stage design, having advanced early on an Arts Council scheme for young designers to gain practical experience in the theatre; in his retirement he developed his own latent talent for painting. - Dennis Andrews



Linklater: cutting edge

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

BIRTHS

aETTISON: On 21 October 1997, in Derby, to Paula (nee Boys-Stones) and Mike. Timothy Paul, a brother for Palester

DAVIES / MARLAND: To Stephen and April, a daughter, Eleanor Marland Davies, born oo 16 October 1997, at St Mary's, Manchester. Our thanks to all the staff at St Mary's.

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen, accounts of the Duke of Enthburgh, opens the Consumers with Heads of Government Meeting in Educiously. The Duke of Enthburgh, street, in the presents the Army Cade Toure Association in Sectional at the Army Idendeparters Scotland, Craige that, South Operations, West Lothons. The Prince of Wests, Parron, the International Tone Front-ducion, takes part in a tree-planting corrowous at Princes Street Granton. Education for our surface of the Army International Tree Front Street Granton. Education for our surface at the Army International Tree Industrial Army Prince Edward, Truston, attends a reception fedured in a denner for the Duke of Edicing of the Army International In rgh's Award in Wales on heard FIMY Britisms. Elf. The Princess Rayal, Visitor, St. Mars's Carbo

Changing of the Guard

Birthdays Sir John Adye, former director,

Government Communications Headquarters, 58; Mr Nick Ainger MP, 48; Sir Geoffrey Bateman, ear, nose and throat surgeon, 91; Sir John Blelloch, former civil servant, 67; Rear-Admiral John Carlill, former secretary, Engineering Council, 72; Mr David Cope, former Master of Mariborough College, 53; Sir Robin Day, broadcaster, 74; Sir Thomas Dunne, Lord-Lieutenant, County of Hereford and Worcester, 64; Mr Henry Elwes, Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, 62; The Earl of Gainsborough, former President, Association of District Councils, 74; Professor Peter Gellhorn, composer, conductor and director, 85; Colonel Sir John Gilmour, former Lord-Lieutenant of Fife, 85; Air Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, 59; Sir Ralph Halpern, former chairman, Burton Group, 59: Mr Philip McLean, ambassador to Cuba, 59; Sir Keith Morris, former ambassador to Colombia, 63; Mr Colin Munro, ambassador to Croatia, 51; Sir Fred Pontin, founder of Pontin's holiday camps, 91; Professor W. Lindford Rees, psychiatrist, 83; Mr Allan Rogers MP, 65; Sir Peter Russell, pro-

Sir Robert Sainsbury, joint president, J. Sainsbury, 9t; Mr Paddy Tipping MP, 48; Mr Bill Wyman, rock guitarist, 61.

Anniversaries Birtbs: Dame Agnes Sybil Thorndike, actress, 1882; Jackie

fessor of the Spanish language, 84; Lord Sainsbury of Turville, chairman

and chief executive, J. Sainsbury, 57:

Coogan (Jack Leslie Coogan), actor, 1914. Deaths: Christian Dior, fash-ion designer, 1957. On this day: the United States started to blockade Cuba, 1962 Today is United Nations Day and the Feast Day of SI Antony Claret, St Aretas, St Elesbaan, St Evergislus, St Felix of Thibiuca, St Maglorius or Maelor, Si Martin or Marks, Si Martin of Vertou, The Martyrs of Najran, Si Proclus of Constantinople and St Senoch.

United Medical and

Dental Schools The United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals yesterday awarded Honorary Fellowships to:

Mr Simon Argies; Dr James Birtey CBE; Pro-lessor Ian Cameron; Professor Timostry Clark; Professor Sir John Crofton; Professor Michael Hur; Dr John McLean OBE; Pro-fessor Jack Rowe; Professor Sir Eric Strond. Dr Malcolm Godfrey, Chairman of the UMDS Council of Governors. presided at the ceremony at South-wark Cathedral, London SE1. A reception was held afterwards in the Giaziers' Hall, followed by a dinner in the Governors' Hall at St Thomas'

Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following, Sabbath begins in London at 5.34pm. United Synagogues 0881-343 8999. Faderation of Synagogues 0881-302 2245. Union of Liberal and Programma Synagogues 0771-598 1663. Raform Synagogues of Great Britaine 0881-349 4731. Spanish and Portuguate Jews Congregations 0771-328 2573. New London Synagogue (Masorti): 0771-328 1026.

LAW REPORT: 24 OCTOBER 1997

Expert evidence of psychiatric injury must be called

the prosecution must calt expert psychiatric evidence where the victim's symptoms other than pain amounted to psychological timess or injury. and the pain experienced was the result of a nonphysical assault.

Regina v Morris; Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord justice Potter, Mrs Justice Ebsworth and Mr Justice Forbes) 22 October 1997.

The Court of Appeal allowed the appeal of Clarence Barrington Morris against his conviction on 24 September 1996 at Southwark Crown Court before Judge Butler QC and a jury of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Barry Rogan (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the appellant; Timothy for the Crown.

Lord Justice Potter, giving the judgment of the court, said that

in a criminal trial for assault the case had arisen out of a or causes of the victim's they could say she had suffered stomach-aches which were not course of conduct on the part complaints. of the appellant commonly known as "stalking". The actual bodily harm complained of did not comprise any direct physical injury, but the victim had given unchallenged evidence that by reason of the appellant's sinister and intimidating actions committed over a period of time she had suffered a variety of unpleasant nervous symptoms arising from fright and anxiety,

including personality change and physical aches and pains. The evidence of the victim's general practitioner had been read by agreement. She had said that the victim had complained of physical and nervous symptoms. She had prescribed medication to help her sleep. It was of some importance to Banks (Crown Prosecution Service) note that the doctor was not qualified in psychiatry and purported neither tu give victim could give an account of

Before the trial started a joint application had been made by prosecution and defence for an adjournment in order for expert psychiatric evidence to be obtained as to the nature of the victim's symptoms as they did not appear to be physically based. The judge was referred to the decision of the Court of Appeal in R v Chun Fook [1994] 99 Cr App R 147, in which it had been said that where psychiatric injury was relied on as the hasis uf an allegation of bodily harm, the matter should not he left to be inferred by the jury from the general facts of the case but

evidence. The judge had refused the application, saying that it seemed perfectly plain that the

should be the subject of expert

actual bodily harm. He later rejected a submission of no case to answer on the same basis.

Chan-Fook had recently been approved by the House of Lords in R v Burstow, R v Ireland (Law Report, 30 July expert evidence to prove psy-1997). Counsel for the Crown had submitted, however, that bodily injury should equally be the facts and nature of the evidence in that case were a dealing with facts which momentary fear or panic, and that the evidence in that case had not involved a situation where the psychiatric trauma experienced by the victim gave ri... to symptoms of pain and physical discomfort.

appellant that the definition of actual bodily harm was wide evidence of a psychiatric na- her symptoms, and that if the enough to include pain or hurt retrial. ture nor as to the likely cause jury accepted her evidence.

directly caused by physical trang ma. It was, however, submitted that in such circumstances psychiatric considerations almost inevitably arose on the question of causation, and the need for chiatric harm amounting to

applied to causation. It seemed to the court that, world away from the present following Chan-Fook, in the abcase. It was correct that in sence of psychiatric evidence Chan-Fook the court had been supporting the prosecution case (1) that the victim's sympdemoostrated no more than toms other than pain amounted to psychological illness or injury and (2) that the pains experienced were the result of the appellent's non-physical assault, the case should not have been allowed to go to the jury. That being so, and with some It had been conceded for the regret in the circumstances, the appeal would be allowed.

- Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

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Hong Kong crash sparks world-wide sell-off in markets

Stock markets plunged around the world yesterday after a catastrophic slump in Hong Kong sparked sharp falls in Europe and the US. Diane Coyle, Tom Stevenson and Stephen Vines tracked the shock wave across time zones.

The most serious stock market crisis in years started in the Far East yesterday and travelled west around the globe, shedding billions from the value of shares. Last night fears were mounting that the baton would be handed back to Asia to give investors another turbulent session today.

Throughout the day dealers feared the big one had arrived, although in most markets it was really more of a wobble than a cent. Joseph Yam, its chief excrash. Only in Hong Kong did shares fall more than 10 per cent, with the declines in Europe well under half that.

In Japan, the Nikkei index fell 3 per cent, London's FTSE glosed 157.3 points down, a anilar percentage decline, and Wail Street was more than 2 per cent lower within minutes of opening. Other stock markets in Europe and Latin America

Investors rushed to the relative safety of bonds instead, taking loug-term yields on gilts and US Treasury bonds lower yesterday. The dollar made its traditional safe-haven gains, but the pound weakened, falling 3 pfennigs to DM2.89.

Recording its higgest points fall, the Hong Kong stock market yesterday plunged 1,211 ity. There is no reason for us to points, knocking over 10 per fail. cent off the price of shares in a sigle day. The carnage of the past week has seen share prices fall by almost 24 per cent and it is far from clear the end is in sight. Government-controlled China Telecom, which was 35

market debut yesterday with an almost 10 per cent fall on its issue price, the first time a Chinese-backed issue has flopped.

Some analysts view the market's collapse as more serious than the 1987 slump and the outbreak of jitters two years later when tanks rolled into Tiananmen Square to crush China's democracy movement.

Share prices have fallen by more than one-third from their high point in August due to intense pressure on the Hong Kong dollar. Its peg to the US dollar inoks vulnerable because of the battering other East Asian currencies have suffered in recent weeks.

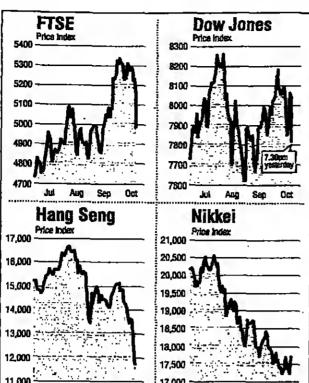
The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) deployed its considerable muscle in the curency market yesterday, using its \$71.7bn war chest and pushing up overnight inter-bank interest rates to a staggering 150 per ecutive, could hardly contain his glee as he explained how the astronomical rise in inter-bank rates was going to burn speculators who had sold the Hong Kong dollar short, in anticipa-

tion of buying at a lower price. Forced to obtain Hong Kong dollars to square their positions. speculators drove it to a record high in the very parrow band against which it trades with the US dollar. The two currencies are linked at a fixed rate of HK\$7.8 to the US dollar, moving marginally around the peg.

Fears that the peg will be broken were addressed head-on yesterday by Donald Tsang, the financial secretary. At a hastily convened press conference be said: "Our first priority is to defend the dollar at its current par-

The 14 year-old link to the US dollar is underpinned by the third-highest level of foreign reserves in the world. It is considered near heresy to question its desirability.

took fright yesterday. The Sin- er only four days old, traders



gapore dollar slumped to a 46month low, while the Malaysian currency dropped to its lowest point since it was floated 24

With Hong Kong's economy in good shape, optimists are saying the selling has been overdone. John Schofield of Nava Securities said: "I think the prospects are good. This has all the hallmarks of a classic selling climax. I wouldn't be surprised to see a rebound tomorrow."

London took its cue from Hong Kong's overnight collapse, with the FTSE 100 index falling 222 points in early afternoon trading after Wall Street also opened nervously. Prices recovered in the final two hours of trading, closing 157.3 down at 4991.5, but it was another nerve-jangling session.

Dealers continued to complain about the volatility being caused by the Stock Exchange's new automated system. With But other regional currencies the Sets order-driven comput-

Jul Aug Sep Oct warned that the gyrations that

have characterised this week's

dealings were here to stay.

The fall in the FTSE 100 index of around 3 per cent was large by British standards, but was in line with declines in France's CAC index and Germany's Dax, as all European markets suffered from the Hong Kong backlash

We're in a new environment and we are moving closer to Europe," said the bead of UK equity trading at one top investment bank in London. "We haven't got the market-makers any more who would have smoothed out some of the peaks and troughs,"

Sets, which replaced the old quote-driven system for trading shares at the beginning of the week, has come in for widespread criticism and has failed to secure half of all FTSE 100 trades on any day so far this

Yesterday's volatile trading showed another characteristic

of the new system - big jumps in the value of the index as basket trades allow dozens of shares to be sold or bought in an instant. These sorts of trades can send waves of red or hive flooding across trading screens as prices fall or rise.

"A lot of people are unhappy about this erratic market." said another head of equity trading. "We are left wondering if this is what the new world is all about. An orderly market is not one in which basket trades can have such an impact."

The Stock Exchange warned that the new system might increase volatility, but it could not have foreseen the combination of events - worries over EMU and the Hong Kong crash -- that have unsettled markets since

In the US the Dow Jones index lost as much as 229 points 107,805 by early afternoon hefore staging a partial recovery. But, like London and Frankfurt, it broke a psychological barrier when it fell below the totem 8,000 level. Some commentators expected the shock wave to wash over the US.

There will be no significant crack in the US stock market. The contagion only affects highrisk markets," said Brian Fabbri of Paribas in New York.

Stephen Lewis, chief economist at London Bond Broking, was less upbeat, seeing the collapse in world share prices yesterday as the "first act in a drama that will take weeks or months to unfold". The silver lining was that the Federal Reserve might become less inclined to raise interest rates next

Others saw yesterday's drama as the start of a long-anticipated crash. Andrew Smithers of Smithers & Co said: "We have markets at ludicrous levels on a world-wide basis. Wall Street is more overpriced than in 1929. This might be the trig-

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Panic as investors monitor collapsing share prices on the Hang Seng at a bank in Hong Kong. The stock market fell 2,637 points at one stage

Dow 'correction' fuels fears of investor complacency

The US markets plunged yesterday, but less VIEW FROM THE manatically than anywhere else in the world, prompting concerns that many US investors were UNITED STATES deluding themselves by thinking the US equity market was invincible.

Even so traders said investors were not panicking and the drop was an orderly correction, not

"Although the Dow is down, the US markets are decidedly less stressed than the European and Asian markets," said Alan Ackerman, chief equity strategist at Fahnestock and Co.

"Ultimately a recovery looks likely.On balance portfolio managers seem to be lining up eir ducks to huy on further weakness," he

However, many top investments managers and analysts were becoming increasingly nervous about the general complacency in the market.

"I believe there is a lot of complacency, especially in the US and Latin American Markets." said Hari Hariharan, a highly respected fund manager and managing director and head of Santander Banks' investment arm New World Investments in New York.

"I think this complacency is misplaced because 60 per cent of the world's population who live in Asia have just lost 20 to 25 per cent of their net worth in the last month and if we pretend that doesn't have a significant impact globally, in terms of demand, then we are deluding our-

Michael Metz, chief equity strategist at Opaheimer Company, said yesterday's world-wide market fall signalled "an end to the bull market" and the end to what he termed the "new paradigm that you never have a problem with infla-

tion, interest rates or earnings momentum...". Mr Metz said: "Today's events highlight the risks in markets, the volatility and I think it signais a slowdown in Asia and also a change in mon-

The Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged etary policy in the West (where neither the Fed by as much as 229 points by the early afternoon. nor the Bundesbank will raise rates)." He urged

investors to move into bond funds. Mr Hariharan argued that the drop in net worth of major Asian investors would have a huge impact on global liquidity conditions, which have been near perfect now for several years and the reason behind soaring bond and equity markets

Nevertheless, US investors generally seemed to believe that yesterday's fall was just another roller-coaster day that will provide opportunities to buy in the long run. "We have a bullish attitude in the US market which will not be affected by this shock," said Phil Roth, chief technical market analyst at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in New York.

"I am not sure the spill over will last more than a day. People will say 'gee this doesn't have anything to dn with the US, and will start buy-

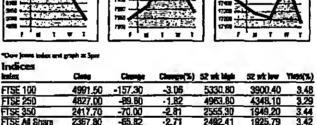
mg agam." Providing a market floor was the world-wide flight to quality into the US Treasury market, which yesterday boosted the 30-year Treasury bond price by more than point by lunchtime, giving it a yield of around 6.34 per cent. There were also hopes that the US Federal Reserve will now not raise rates at its next meeting on 12 November, for fear of upsetting international mar-

Even the bulls, however, were yesterday recommending investors to at the least increase their cash positions and at most move money into bond

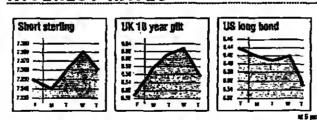
"My recommendation would be to keep cool, keep calm and keep cash," said Mr Ackerman.

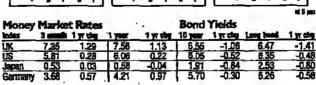
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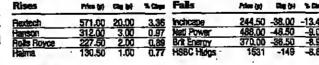
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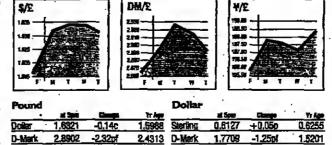
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Banks were filled to bursting with anxious customers

When the Hong Kong stock market crashed Jown 2,637 points at one stage yesterday, practically everyone in the territory knew about it. Banks in the financial centre were filled to bursting with anxious customers watching a host of fliekering stock exchange monitors and calling out stock codes in the hope that someone near the controls would summon up the price chart for shares of interest to them.

On the streets people were obsessively punching codes into their pager machines which in Hong Kong carry stock market information. Radio news bulletins, dominated by market updates, were listened to with the intensity usually reserved for nations at times of war.

From the high-decibel restaurants serving dim sum lunches to the relative quiet of government buildings, there was hut one subject of conversation. More Hong Kong people play the stock market and other financial markets than practically any other place on earth. When the markets shook, as they did yesterday with a vengeance, everyone was talking about it.

"The market, clearly at the moment, is not for the faint-hearted," said the ever cool and composed Acting Chief Executive of Hong Kong, Anson Chan, before disappearing into the bowels of the legislature yesterday afternoon.

"I advise everybody to stay calm," she said looking directly into the cameras.

Her advice appears to have heen heeded because although a great many smaller investors have lost considerable sums of money, the collapse of 1997 is nothing like the events which followed Black Monday in 1987 when a great many people were left destitute. Banks have become

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more cautious and investors who were hit in 1987 and delivered a body blow after the Tiananmen Square massacre two years later have learned that a higher degree of caution is required.

Yet the lure of big bucks made just three months ago tempted many to throw caution to the winds. There was a frenzy for buying red chips, the shares in companies linked with China. Now many of the red chips have tumbled by as much as 80 per cent.

Hong Kong investors are also meensely interested in currency speculation. Practically no one here holds their money only in the local currency. Reports of pressure on the Hong Kong dollar sent bank customers scurrying to their branches to turn local deposits into US dollar holdings. The mighty Hongkong Bank was so alarmed by this flurry of switching that it stepped in to stop bolders of time deposits recalling them before their due date. Normally this is allowed once a penalty has been paid. Any hint of a change in the rule of the game goes down very badly in these

Rumour is now the order of the day. The suicide of a British finance manager, reported yesterday, was seized upon as evidence of desperation setting in but it appears this had more to do with reasons other than the state of market. The greatest fear is that the market is heading into uncharted territory.

try and British Airways. The businessmen at-

tending were Boh Ayling, chief executive of BA,

Patrick Gillam, chairman of Standard Chartered

Bank, John Manser, chairman of Robert Flem-

ing, Sir Evelyn Rothschild of NM Rothschild,

Philip Cushing, chief executive of Inchcape,

Henry Keswick, of Jardine Lloyd Thompson,

Duncan Bluck, a director of John Swire and Sons,

the holding company for Cathay Pacific, and

Hugh Merrill, director of strategic relations at

- Stephen Vines in Hong Kong

Hang Seng drop 'a short-term phenomenon'

The chief executive of Hong Kong, Chee Hwa Tung, yesterday sought to reassure British companies with interests in the former colony that the stock market crash would not affect its economic management or determination to maintain the peg with the US dollar.

The pledge was made at a private breakfast meeting at the Dorchester with eight leading businessmen whose companies have extensive operations in Hong Kong.

Mr Tung told the group that the crash in the Hang Seng index, which suffered its biggest oneday fall yesterday, was a "short-term phenomenon" which would not undermine the strength of the local economy or Hong Kong's economic and political relations with China.

He assured the businessmen that the Hong Kong dollar's peg to the US dollar remained "sacrosanct" and that interest rate policy would continue to be used to defend the peg robustly. The 75-minute breakfast meeting was or-

ganised by the Confederation of British Indus-

British Telecom. Inchcape and Standard Chartered were two of the companies whose share prices were worst hit by the plunge in the Hang Seng. One of those present said the group subjected

Mr Tung to "a fair amount of healthy questioning" about the situation in Hong Kong and came away reassured. Mr Tung said there was a tremendous determination to maintain the exchange rate despite the devaluations that other countries in the region such as Singapore have

Germany and France caught up in the wave Shares fell sharply in both Germany and France

as the shock waves from Hong Kong continued to ripple around the globe. French exporters of luxury goods and German construction companies were especially hard hit as investors wortied that asset price falls in the Far East would

start to affect the real economy as well. As in London, the fact that the early aftermoon decline on Wall Street was not as bad as leared lifted French shares off their lows. The CAC index in Paris closed 101.1 points lower at 2,856.87, having been as low as 2,827 at one stage. Dealers said the rest of the session on Wall Street and overnight trade in the Far East would set the tone for the final session of the week.

Sharp falls were recorded by LVMH, down 7 per cent, Remy Cointreau, EOreal and Clarins. Others included banks with an Asian exposure, such as Credit Lyonnais and Societe Generale. In Frankfurt, German shares closed 4.5 per

cent lower, with the Dax index falling below the psychologically important 4,000 harrier at 3,977.26. It was the biggest fall of the year for the German bourse. But analysts said the decline was likely to be short term and the bullish tone of the German market had oot yet disappeared.

One said: "These events will have some effect during the next few days or weeks, but this is still a bull market and I believe that after all these things it will rise again."

Abbey finance chief to replace Birch

Abbey National played safe yesterday by appointing its finance director as chief executive elect. Jan Harley, who has been with Abbey for 20 years, will replace Peter Birch at next February's annual meeting.

Tom Stevenson, financial editor, heard the new chief's strategy.

Abbey National beld out the promise of a £500m share buyback yesterday as it named finance director lan Harley as successor to Peter Birch, its chief executive for the past 14 years and the architect of the bank's pinneering demutualisation in 1989. Mr Birch is retiring at next February's annual meeting.

Mr Harley, who has been with Abbey for 20 years, promised evolution not revolution during his tenure. He said the bank would consider handing surplus capital back to shareholders and that a planned reduction in the equity supporting its balance sheet would leave it with £500m of spare cash.

tives yesterday started talks

with WorldCom and GTE, the

two phone groups bidding to

Sir lain Vallance, BT chair-

man, and Sir Peter Bonfield,

chief executive, were in the US

for the discussions, which will

include Bernard Ebhers.

WorldCom's chief executive,

GTE. Though BT has refused

attempt to buy MCI, the UK

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yesterday revealed confiden-

tiality agreements with MCI,

which will stay in force until

they come back with formal

MCI investors \$30bn in shares,

while GTE last week moved in

with a \$28bn all-cash hid. BT's

revised merger values MCI at

BT was obliged to speak to

both bidders, though the group

is known to prefer a merger be-

tween GTE and MCI. The dis-

cussions, which were said to be

GTE won the hidding.

take over MCI, BT's long-

standing merger partner.

The chief executive elect restated Abbey's determination to retain its independence but said it remained interested in acquiring companies in the life insurance sector as it continued to reduce its dependence on its for a wide range of financial core savings and loans business. Currently, 50 per cent of Abbey's business is in nontraditional husinesses, such as insurance, and it forecast that rising to 60 per cent.

Spelling out his strategy yesterday, Mr Harley said Abbey would continue to focus on retail banking in the UK through a network of around 750 branches, although he didn't rule out iotroducing telephone banking on the Continent. Other priorities included increasing efficiency and Mr Harley forecast a 25 to 30 per cent reduction in the unit costs of Abhey's mortgage processing.

There would be an emphasis, Mr Harley said, on partoership. That would mean increased staff share ownership and would probably include discounts on mortgages to reward shareholder customers.

Only days after Richard Branson's Virgin Direct launched a revolutionary new mortgage-based account, Abbey admitted yesterday it

BT talks with rival

bidders for MCI

had a lot to learn from the retail banking sector's new entrants. He questioned, however, whether brands such as Sains-

"There is a huge difference between selling a lettuce or some other easily consumable item and a pensioo which implies a 25-year relationship with the customer," he said, warning of the dangers of stretching retail brands too far.

bury's and Marks & Spencer

were really suitable backing

Abbey said it had seen an improvement during the third quarter in its position in traditiooal mortgage and savings markets, where it had been hit during the first half by the lock-in periods imposed by demutualising building societies. In the first six months it had just 0.6 per cent of new lending, a fraction of its natural market share of almost 15 per cent.

The bank forecasts growth of around 6 per cent in the stock of mortgages this year, with housing market transactions rising by 16 per cent to 1.4 million. Although mortgage arrears had increased marginally since June, the number of cases of long-term arrears of six months or more had fallen by almost 10 per cent.

Rail regulator backs down over fines

went ahead, The UK management was concerned to preserve BT's Concert joint veoture in the international business phone market, in which MCI has a 25 per cent stake. A full-scale three-way merger with GTE and MCI has been rejected as and Chuck Lee, chairman of highly unlikely, but BT is seek-

ing to secure a minority stake

to admit outright defeat in its in one of the rival mergers. It also emerged that MCI is group was hoping to salvage a unlikely to ask its shareholders close three-way alliance if the to vote on BT's offer, despite having planned an extraordinary US takeover rules MCI would have to formally recommend BT's lower bid to shareholders. a move which would prove impossible for directors. bids. WorldCom is offering

MCI yesterday unveiled a \$515m restructuring provision, plunging the loog-distance giant into losses of \$182m in the third quarter of the year, Analysts said the charge was slightly lower than expected, though growth in MCI's core long-distance husiness remained weak.

Chris Godsmark

Senior British Telecom execu- at a "very preliminary stage," would centre on BT's role in the The position of John Swift QC, company if one of the rival hids the rail regulator, looked increasingly precarious last night as it emerged that he had backed down over proposals to penalise train companies over the poor performance of the

telephone inquiry service.

Mr Swift was to fine companies £150,000, after they had failed to answer nearly 13 calls out of every 100 made to the service. Instead, he has accepted the industry's argument that the Southall train disaster. where a high-speed passenger train ploughed into a freight wagon, produced an excessive the fine to £100,000.

. "We expect the system to have better contingency plans next time," said a spokesman for Mr Swift.

Whitehall sources have made it clear they considered this as an acid test. Mr Swift cannot be sacked. But his contract expires late next year and officials have made it clear the franchising director - the other train regulator - may take the lead io some instances.

- Rondeep Ramesh

Requirement to join ERM debated in Whitehali

A senior Treasury official said yesterday that it was "most unclear" how to interpret the requirement in the Maastricht Treaty that would-be members of the single currency should be in the European exchange rate mechanism (ERM). The requirement is seen as a potential stumbling block to British membership of economic and monetary union.

Sir Nigel Wicks, director of international finance and second permanent secretary at the Treasury, told a conference there had been big changes to the ERM, which sterling fell out of five years ago, since the convergeoce criteria were enshrined in the Maastricht Treaty in February 1992. Sir Nigel steered away from any comment on when the UK would join up, in light of the speculation in the run-up to a statement in Parliament on the issue by the Chancellor, Gordon Brown.

Gas competition extended

Domestic gas customers in the North of England will be able to choose their supplier from February under proposals from Ofgas, the industry watchdog. On 27 February competition would be extended to 2.8 million households from Cumbria to North Yorkshire. A further 29 million homes would be able to choose their supplier from Cheshire to South and West Yorkshire from 27 March. From oext month competition will start in Scotland and the North-east of England.

ITC proposes Ch4 changes

The Independent Television Commission (ITC) has announced the proposed revisions to the Channel 4 licence which its says will broaden and strengthen the channel's public service commitments. The proposed changes include the re-inforcement of Channel 4's commitment to innovation, increases in original production and programme commissions outside London, a reduction in repeats and further investmeet in film production. Closing date for comments in the public consultation process is 5 December.

Smith's strategy under fire

WH Smith's new strategy to demerge its Waterstone's bookselling business and sell its Virgin-Our Price music division is a mistake, according to retail consultants Verdict Research. It says Smith's should "ruthlessly exploit" its buying power in books and music through its ownership of both specialists chains and its core husiness. Verdict's views were included in its oew report on Confectioners, Tohacconists and Newsagents. The report states that the CTN sector is in crisis with 1,100 outlets closing in 1996 and a further 10,000 at risk as competitors such as supermarkets move into the market.

Lanica to discuss relisting

Lanica Trust, the quoted vehicle of Andrew Regan, who made a £1hn hid for the Co-op earlier this year, is to discuss the relisting of the company's shares with the Stock Exchange.

Lucas Varity to buy Varga

Lucas Varity, the Anglo-American engineering group, is in talks to buy the remaining two thirds of the Brazilian brake manufacturer, Freios Varga. It already has a 34 per cent stake in the family husiness which is the market leader in Brazil. Analysis estimate the deal could be worth around £200m.

Reuters hit by sterling

The strong pound continues to affect the performance of Reuters, the media and on-line information group. Currency factors were hiamed for a 3 per cent fall in third-quarter revenue to £713m. Stripping out the effect, revenues were

	Turnover L	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
Action Computer (F)	172m (135m)	5.08m (3.22m)	9.7p (8.4p)	2.5p (-)
Ferrusa Mildge (1)	7.2m (7.3m)	-0.09m (0.003m)	-0.38p (-)	ni (+)
Formiester (1)	13.2m (8.1m)	0.72m (-1.76m)	1.42p (-8.62p)	7.22p (1.22p)
ICI (CIS)	3.3bn (2.7bn)	611m (125m)	74.90 (9.7p)	nt (-)
Luminar (1)	14.7m (12.0m)	1.86m (1.56m)	6.8p 7.4p)	2.33p (2.33p)
Rollinskam Hatspur (F)	27.9m (25.6m)	7.6m (4.2m)	7.3p (1.7p)	Ip (0.86p)

Electricity Pool under review

The Government yesterday signalled its intention to reform the Electricity Pool, the wholesale power market, after criticism of energy prices from customer groups.

Shares in the two biggest generators, National Power and PowerGen, plunged on the news. Chris Godsmark, **Business Correspondent,** reports.

John Battle, the industry minister, announced a review of workings of the Pool, the hugely complex trading system which sets wholesale power prices, fulfilling one of Labour's preelection pledges. He made clear that the inquiry was likely to recommend a shake-up of the market, which has been

repeatedly blamed for pushing

up electricity prices. Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, was charged with working out the arrangements for the review and is expected to report back to Mr Battle by Christmas, But the investigation is expected to take at least six months and DTI sources indicated it could take three or four years before

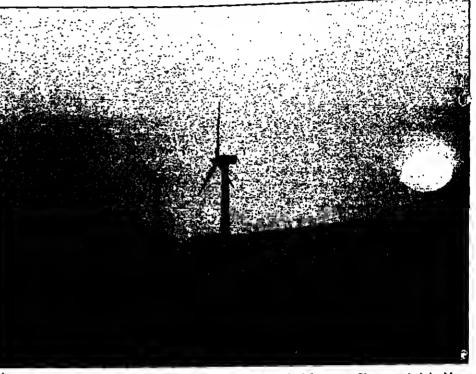
any changes were implemented. Shares in National Power fell 9 per cent on yesterday's announcement, one of the biggest falls on the market. They ended down 48.5p at 488p. PowerGen shares were 53p lower, at 678p.

Last year the generators were forced to sell power stations to Eastern Group after the Pro-fessor Littlechild threatened a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation. A cap was imposed on generation prices between 1994 and 1996, but it was removed after the plant sales.

The two privatised generators, which together account for about 40 per cent of power generation, have been attacked for allegedly abusing their influence on Pool prices, which determine the cost of wholesale electricity paid by the regional power companies. Mr Battle acknowledged that though a flood of independent gas generation projects had come on stream, they had done little to inject competition into Pool pricing.

He said that there was still criticism that the pool was a "suppliers' club in which consumers cannot participate directly". He continued: "We need the sort of system in which everyone can have total confidence, particularly when electricity demand is at a peak."

The Pool said it would work with Offer, the electricity watchdog, to prevent the review from disrupting next year's introduction of domestic competition. National Power said it had expected a review and would support "serious suggestions" for improvements.



Renewable source: some of the money could go into wind farms Photograph: John Voos

Eastern gives EcoPower to its customers

More than 3 million electricity customers will be able to fund green energy projects under a special tariff scheme aonounced yesterday by Eastern Group, the country's largest're-

Eastern, part of Energy Group, also made a commitment to source 10 per cent of its generating capacity from renewable energy sources, such as wind, wave or solar power, by 2010. The group, which is the UK's third-largest non-nuclear generator, admitted that none of its power was currently produced from renewable sources.

The green hilling scheme, called EcoPower, gives customers the opportunity to pay an extra contribution on top of

their hills towards renewable projects, which will matched with the same figure from the company. The contribution will be 5 or 10 per cent of an average £260 bill.

Hailing the first for the industry, Eastern said consumer research had suggested between 3 and 5 per cent of its customers would become involved. It would mean up to 150,000 Eastern customers could take part, netting up to £1m for renewable projects over two years. Yesterday's launch was supported by high-

Friends of the Earth.

profile eovironmeotal campaigners Johnathon Porritt, head of Forum for the Future, and Patrick Green, chairman of

The cash will be put into a charitable trust fund, administered independently of the сопрапу.

Eastern said just one member of the trust, out of a board of around six, would be an Eastern employee and none of the money would be ploughed into Eastern-funded projects.

The trust will decide how to spend the money, which could be invested in further environmental research alongside generation projects.

The spokesman denied that the funds would be too small to produce significant benefits: This is not a gimmick. Our research shows customers are willing to support it."

- Chris Godsmork



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OUTLOOK ON THE DAY THE MARKETS WOBBLED AND AN END TO TAX-FREE REDUNDANCY

Why world stock markets have further to fall

for world equity markets than the full-blown earthquake everyone had feared it might be while cating their cornflakes yesterday morning. There were some big falls, both in Europe and on Wall Street, but nothing remotely to compare with the sell off in Hong Koog overnight, or with Black Monday ten years ago. Are markets right to be so sanguine about what's going on in the Far East or is this a case of a hurricane yet

Nobody, apart from maybe the media, enjoys a stock market crash very much. They are painful, beastly things, effecting not just the professional traders and hig international investors that dominate the world's financial markets, but aoyooe who pays into a pension scheme, saves through a PEP, processes a mortgage endowment policy, or has participated in the privatisations of the last 15 years. Worse, because they go hand in hand with a collapse in investment confidence, they can accentuate a recession in the making, or as in the case of the crash of 1929, lead to something more horrible still, a depression.

So there is every reason, particularly when the good times are rolling as they are in the US and Britain right now, to dishelieve the doomsters who point to sky high valuations and rant on about dangerous speculative bubbles and the like. Furthermore, what is happening in Hong Kong and the rest of the Pacific Rim may indeed be largely irrelevant in the scale of things to the US. Fast growing though these economies have been, they account for only they were wiped from the face of the planet it would not make a buge amount of difference to anyone outside the Far East itself.

There are good reasons for believing that what's happened in Hong Kong over the last week has more to do with the region's own local difficulties than anything wider. Primarily it is about a flood of redemptions from international investors keen to reduce their exposure to the region. Because the Hong Kong currency is still pegged to the US dollar, and the former colony's stock market is the largest, most open and liquid in the region, the Hang Seng is proving particularly vulnerable to this process. This in turn is putting pressure on the dollar parity itself, further accentuating the dash from the region as investors attempt to hall out before the Hong Kong monetary authority is forced to devalue

So just the tail end of the Asian markets crisis then? There are two reasons for believing it may be rather worse than that. The first relates to the particular nature of the crisis in Hong Kong, Whatever this special administrative region does, it is heading for trouble. If it defends the dollar parity to the last, as it says it will and with its giant reserves of foreign currency is perfectly capable of doing, then it may be condemning itself to near recessionary conditions. Hong Kong cannot stand by while its major competitors in the region devalue by 30 per cent and expect to be unaffected by it.

Sky high interest rates to defend the currency would compound the effects of an unas Britain while it was a member of the ERM. With so much of the boom in China being fed by strong economic growth in Hong Kong and the regions around it, this could have a knock effect into the rest of

the People's Republic. The other scenario is scarcely more appetising - that Hong Kong follows the lead of Taiwan, which was equally capable of defending its dollar parity but chose to follow its neighbours into devaluation. The effect on international confidence in the former colony of this course of action would he catastrophic, for one of the main reasons the place attracts foreign capital is that investors believe there to be no foreign exchange risk. In other words, Hong Kong is in a no win position. Of the two scenarios, the recessionary effect of clinging to an unsustainably high exchange rate looks marginally the worse, for the knock on into the world economy could be significant.

The other reason why Hong Kong is important is that it shows just how quickly senment can change in a market which everybody thinks can only head upwards. The loss of investment confidence in Hong Kong could prove a harbinger of things to come in the US, where the evidence of a dangerous speculative investment bubble in the making is at least as strong as it was before the crash in the Far East.

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, has already issued Wall Street with two yellow cards. So far its response has been unpolitely to ignore him. Unforcompetitive exchange rate. Hong Kong tunately he has good reason to be con-

In the end it was more a case of a bad tremor a small proportion of world trade. Even if could find itself in much the same position cerned. Wall Street is running out of cootrol, fed by some clearly unrealistic expectations of economic and corporate earnings growth. If the market crashes, then the dangers are only too apparent. Investment grinds to a halt and consumer confidence sappears with it in a puff of smoke.

Nobody is suggesting that we are star-ing into the abyss of another 1929, or the bear market of the early 1970s. But things could be about to get very ugly out there.

Bad news for the average man

Governments fiddle with tax breaks at their peril, particularly ones that benefit the average man or woman rather more than the fat cat executive. When the tax break in question is one designed to soften the blow of being thrown onto the dole queue, the dangers of fiddling around are even greater.

The High Court's decision to uphold a ruling that termination payments to two former EMI executives were liable to tax may have resulted in self-congratulation at the Inland Revenue. But for hundreds of thousands of employees facing the are and indeed for thousands who have recently received their redundancy cheques minus tax, the ruling is bad news. The Revenue realised some years ago that the practice of sending dismissed employees on their way with payment in lieu of notice (PILON), was depriving it of a large slug of income since the convention was that lump sum payments up to £30,000 were tax free.

Recently, however, the tax man, supported by the Special Commissioners, has decided that PILON is tarable since it makes up part of an employee's emoluments. The effect is stark. Whereas before an employee who received, say a PILON of £30,000 and a lump sum of £10,000 to reflect years of service would have been taxed only on the £10,000, now he or she is liable to pay tax on the £30,000. At the top marginal rate of tax the difference could be £12,000 - a lot for a middle-aged, middle-ranking manager facing the dole and little prospect of re-employment. By contrast there is little if any effect for a very high earning senior executive, since his lieu of notice payment is likely to be vastly outweighed by his lump sum reward for failure.

Employers can avoid deducting the tax by deliberately breaking the employee's contract and, rather than pay PILON, hand them the equivalent sum in the form of higuidated damages. But this throws up its own anomaly since once a contract has been broken none of its other provisions, such as gagging clauses, can be enforced.

As the Revenue applies this ruling with increasing zeal, the numbers affected will grow until they start to register on the Westminster radar. Kenneth Clarke was left to repent at leisure and ultimately reverse his hasty decision to tax the share options of Asda check-out staff, proving once again that legislation on the hoof is invariably bad legislation. Likewise, this is one PILON just waiting to give the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Dawn Primarolo, a nasty

EMI loses battle to keep redundancy pay tax-free

The Government stood accused last night of penalising workers facing the sack after the High Court ruled that some Morms of redundancy payment were taxable. Andrew Verity and Cothy Newman report on failed attempts by EMI to stop the Inland Revenue taxing the "golden goodbye".

To Chilling

A High Court judge has upheld tax lump sum payments to employees who have been sacked summarily without working out their notice period.

In a landmark ruling affecting hundreds of thousands of employees facing redundancy, Mr Justice Neuberger

rejected an attempt by EMI to overturn a decision last year which found the payments to be fully taxable. The ruling means that sacked employees could be up to £12,000 worse off.

The payments, called payments in lieu of notice, had been thought to be tax-free up to a value of £30,000. But last August the Revenue cracked down on the payments by insisting they would be fully taxable.

Before the original ruling, employers topped up redundancy payments with the salary that would have been paid had the employee worked out the notice period. So long as the total payment was below £30,000, no tax was levied. Now that salary can be taxed at the marginal rate of up to 40 per cent - a maximum liability of £12,000 per person.

EMI was pursued by the Inland Revenue when it made the payments to two senior em-

ployees. The decision could mean extra tax liabilities for hundreds of employers who believed the payments were tax-free. While employees have benefited from tax-free payments, the Revenue is more likely to pursue companies for failing to operate their tax systems correctly.

EMI said last night it had no comment to make as it could consider a further appeal. Since the ruling last year, employers have rushed to remove clauses from contracts of employment which allow them to make payments in lieu of notice.

If the clauses are removed, emolovers can pay tax-free damages because they have broken their contracts of employment. However, employers are reluctant to take this course of action because it would prevent them enforcing other terms of the contract such as gagging clauses.



Ward Thomas, the 74-year-old chairman and chief executive of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Talevision, bowed out yesterday, but vowed to return to television. Mr Thomas was offered the post of chairman of Granada Media Group after the two companies merged this year. But, despite having moved into Granada's London offices, he never had a contract and has decided not to stay on.

Sugar looks east for football investment opportunities

Alan Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, confirmed yesterday that the club wants to invest in overseas football clubs, particularly in Asia. His vision is a network of half a dozen clubs which could achieve greater efficiency in sponsorship, marketing and the development of players. Nigel Cope, City Correspondent, reports.

Spurs has appointed investment bank Deutsche Morgan Grenfell to look at the various opportunities. "We have made several inquiries in several places," Mr Sugar said, though he added that a final decision was some way off.

He continued: "The positive aspects include the movement of players between clubs. You could provide the stage at Tottenham for a top player from Malaysia or China. On the husiness side, you could bring in a player from a club you owned in Norway, for example, play him in the Premiership and sell him on to a third party.

"From a marketing point of view, if you owned six clubs from around the world, you could go to a potential sponsor and sell them the idea of having their name on the shirts of all six clubs."

there were potential stumbling tract. blocks. UEFA, the European football body, does not allow large clubs to own nursery clubs. Mr Sugar confirmed he had made "inquiries in several countries" about the possibility of widening his soccer empire, hut declined to reveal where.

He said Tottenham was not interested in the idea of following the example of champions Manchester United and launching a themed television channel, describing the idea as a non-starter.

His comments came as Tottenham reported pre-tax profit of £7.6m in the year to end-July. up from £4.2m the previous year. The total wage hill rose by 30 per cent to £10m as the club tied its players to longer contracts to counter the effects of the Bosman ruling, which allows the free movement of payers within the European However, he admitted that Union once they are out of con-

Defender Sol Campbell and goalkeeper Ian Walker were two players to benefit from new contracts. Profit before player trading and one-off items rose £600,000 to £9.1m.

Tottenham shares closed unchanged at 90p.

Rate rises set to dampen housing boom

The Bank of England's application of the interest rate brakes will succeed in slowing the housing market next year. forecasting group Cambridge Econometrics predicts.

The report foresees a fall in the number of sales compared with this year, and a gentler pace of increase in house prices, with the booming southeast seeing the higgest retreat.

The predictions looked a safer bet following figures yesterday which indicated that new mortgage lending expanded at a geotier pace last month. New home loans by the huilding societies and high street hanks amounted to £1.5bn, a shade below August's increase in lending.

The figures, covering most

mortgage lending, suggested that the pace of the recovery might have steadied. The building societies have gained market share at the expense of the expanded banking sector, hut total mortgage lending is no longer accelerating as rapidly as it was earlier this year.

Further rises in interest rates, widely expected during the next few months, are likely to slow lending growth and house-price inflation even further. But the report says falling memployment will underpin the housing recovery. It predicts house-price inflation of 6.5 per cent in 1998 compared with around 10 per cent this year.

In the longer term, house prices will be driven by growing demand for housing. The in-

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crease in demand will be strongest in southern England. where the number of households is expected to rise by 1 per cent a year from 2000 to 2010.

What's more, when the housing market gathers steam again, it will not be emerging from a deep slump. "Any upturn in activity will have a more immediate impact on house

price," the report concludes. Separate figures yesterday showed that M4, the broad measure of the money supply, grew uncomfortably fast last month. Its annual growth picked up to 11.8 from 11.6 per cent. But economists will attach more importance to today's figures for GDP, expected to show a 1 per cent rise in the third quarter.

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ICI reassures the market

Having mesmerised the market with the speed of transformation of ICI from a lumbering industrial chemicals giant into a nimble specialities business. Charles Miller Smith, ICI's chief executive must now prove he can handle the new beast.

The speed of the makeover was certainly pleasing. Mr Miller Smith hought Unilever's speciality chemicals division in May and just three months later persuaded Du Pont to part with £1.8m for ICI's industrial tioxide and polyester business and sold off another £1bn of assets. The market had expected the disposals to take three years and ICTs shares soared from 688p to over 1,100p.

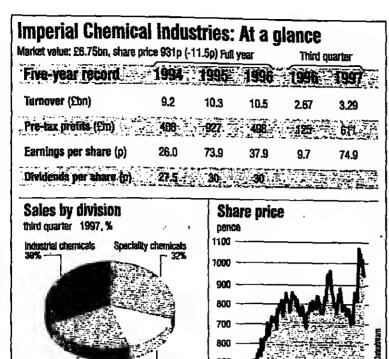
However, ICI's share price has gone downhill since then. Half-year results were disappointing, particularly some of the speciality side. Hence the interest in vesterday's third-quarter results.

Reassuring is the best word. True, the pain from the strong pound was more protracted than expected. Sterling wiped £50m off third-quarter profits, which rose 8 per cent to £132m at constant currencies, and will hit the full-year figure by some £180m, £30m more than predicted. Most of that is true economic cost, but as more industrial chemicals businesses are sold off, that will switch to a paper hit. Unlike industrials, speciality chemicals tend to be manufactured close to customers, not exported.

There was good news too on remaining disposals. Allan Spall, ICI's Finding good entertainment outside tinance director, says there is some the UK's hig cities can be a headache £2.5bn of industrial chemicals still to go for a suburban-hred teenager looking and further sales are likely in the next for action. Steve Thomas, chief execsix months. Methanol is top of the list, utive of Luminar, the restaurants and with the £500m explosives business and fertilisers and gas also to go.

So what of the specialities side? of Chicago Rock Café, the bar-Profits across all businesses grew. Within National Starch, two-thirds of the total, food starches did well as did ad- stoke". The company comprises 20 hesives and industrial resins. Margins in Unichema, the glycerine husiness, are medium-sized towns, with a further five approaching the double-digit mark af- due to open before December. ter a slow start. Paint is improving, but could do better.

comfortable 60 per cent after the Du money. The company floated at 200p Pont money comes in, the most press- a share, and, prior to yesterday's pubing issue is the group's rating. Analysts lication of first-half figures, its shares forecast clean full-year profits of around hit a 484.5p high.



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£430m to £440m, an upgrade of some £20m. On these figures 1CI shares trade on around 22 times, a whack higher than many pure speciality chemical stocks. High enough.

Luminar has found a niche

night-clubs group, spotted a gap in the market seven years ago with the launch restaurant-disco concept he wryly tags "the Planet Hollywood of Basing-Chicago Rock Cafés, all in small or

Investors who bought Luminar shares at flotation 18 months ago With gearing expected to be at a have had a cracking run for their

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crucial Christmas season still ahead. However, the rating falls to 14 times in 1999 and those in for the longer-term, the shares look worth holding.

Acquisitions likely at Action

Action Computer Supplies, the fastgrowing mail-order computer and peripherais supplier, has attracted much frothy comment since it came to the market via a reverse takeover in June t996. However, in this case the excitement looks deserved.

Action Computer specialises in 1,000 page catalogues supplying branded computers, faxes and other peripherals to the business market. The mail-order sector is worth over £1bn in the UK and is growing at double-digit rates. The market is also consolidating around the largest players which should help Action.

It has developed a "low-cost model" aimed at keeping costs to a minimum terday reflects a combination of profit and being competitive on price in taking and difficult market conditions what is essentially a commodity market. rather than disappointment with the fig- Overheads as a percentage of sales have ures. Luminar's pre-tax profits rose 7 shrunk by 22 per cent in four years.

The effect on the bottom line has been impressive. Pre-tax profits rose by growth was depressed by one-off head-more than 50 per cent to £5.1m in the office costs and new club openings. year to 29 August. Management, led by With the head office expenditure com- chairman Henry Lewis, wants to build plete and revenues from new outlets UK sales to £500m and acquisitions are about 10 start rolling in, second-half likely. The company is in talks on a deal at the moment which is says would not Luminar is going for aggressive be dilutive. With nearly £5m of net cash, expansion of its Rock Café concept, it has the resources. Europe is a

longer-term ambition. There are competitive threats. The Dixons-owned PC World has started a ever, Luminar has negotiated another catalogue operation though it has £17m with the Bank of Scotland and higher costs due to its store portfolio. says this will pay for further expansion But Action Computer is expanding its Internet sales operation, which already Fast growth in a saturated sector accounts for 8 per cent of daily orders may worry some, given the recent and will have even lower costs. The bigfrenzy of new theme-restaurant open- ger headache is margins, which will be ings. But Luminar has spotted a niche constantly under threat and the chalin the suburbs and is probably right to lenge will be to reduce overheads try to exploit it. Its string of night-clubs faster than the rate of margin erosion.

Still, on forecasts of £6.1m the come stream to fund expansion and its shares - unchanged at 200.5p - trade experiments with new themes are pay- on a forward rating of 17. For a coming off. Luminar's shares are trading pany achieving organic growth of 25 per on a high 25 times this year, with the cent a year, that seems good value.

PEOPLE & BUSINESS



Rudolph Agnew, chairman of Redland, the huilding materials group under siege from French rival Lafarge, has an unusual way of relaxing from the day's stresses. This veteran of takeover battles likes to unwind with a jigsaw puzzle. Not a regular jigsaw, mind. Mr Agnew likes things tough. He gets his puzzles from a special manufacturer who deliberately doesn't provide any picture guides as to what the finished jigsaw will look like. "I like not knowing how the thing will turn out," says Mr Agnew. Appropriate really for a man who is working out how on earth to defend his struggling company against Lafarge.

"The whole essence is to pitch yourself against the manufacturers. Some of them are pretty cunning," he muses. Mr Agnew started the 3,000 piece puzzle he is currently working on 18 months ago. "It was given to me by a friend who asked the manufacturer to make the most difficult jigsaw she could think of. I'm still only half way through it," he says. Mr Agnew's other pursuits are equally genteel. He is teetotal and likes to relax with a Gitanes, reading history and biographies. "My two heroes are Charles II and Thomas Jefferson," he confides. "Charles II for style and Jefferson for his intellectual capability. Though I must add, that I don't think I measure up to them," he chuckles.

Employees at Abbon Mead Vickers, the advertising company, must be feeling pretty happy today. Abbott Mead's chairman, Peter Mead, has agreed to become patron of the Andrea Adams Trust, which campaigns against bullying in the workplace. The standard work-place practices of "over-loading", "side-lining" and "public criticism", all of which were lambasted by Mr Mead yesterday, are certainly going to have to be off the agenda. So it looks like Abbot Mead should be a pleasant place to work in coming months. No doubt the applications will pour in.

So it seems as though George Magan, founder of the M&A boutique Hambro Magan that was bought by NatWest last year, has been given the job of flogging beleaguered NatWest Markets

off to the highest hidder. If there is a man for the job it would certainly seem to be Mr Magan. Having built up an highly successful business essentially by being good at

marrying up huyers to sellers, Mr Magan then

matched up his own company to NatWest, securing himself a cool few million (by conservative estimates) in the process. And now his matchmaking skills are in demand once again. No doubt another couple of million or so will be winging its way to Mr Magan's wallet in due course.

Footsie L

Big Brother is watching Bill Cosgrove, Wilkinson Sword's chief executive, and his happy band of employees. "Behaviour change" consultancy Banner McBride, headed by Michael Pounsford, has been appointed to instill Wilkinson Sword's "new company ethos" in its employees.

According to its PR company, Wilkinson Sword intends to "shake off its old-fashioned image" with the launch of a new global advertising campaign. The campaign, snappily entitled "the feel of smart design", is aimed to attract younger consumers. Particular targets are teenage boys about to take that great leap into adulthood by picking up their first razor.

What this all will mean for Wilkinson Sword's staff is anyone's guess. Banner McBride specialises in "aligning external messages internally". which, as far as I can gather, essentially means "re-educating" employees so that they project the same sort of image as a company's advertising campaign. Given that Wilkinson Sword seems intent on rejuvenaling itself, one comes to the conclusion that Banner McBride's job will be to rejuvenate its employees. Mr Cosgrove and co turning up for work in Oasis-style anoraks? Female employees wearing platform shoes a la Spice Girls? Rave music piped into the elevators? The mind boggles.

According to research published vesterday by BT and HSBC's telephone hanking service First Direct, the older we get, the more likely we are to relish early starts. Apparently, fewer than a quarter of adults under 25 say they are morning people compared with half of the over 65s. And only one in 10 of the over 65s put themselves in the category of "evening people".

This presumably means there will be less pressure on the thrusting young Turks at the Honkers and Shankers to get up hright eyed and bushy tailed with the lark when current chairman, Sir William Purves, retires next May. Sir William himself is (only just) in the 65 and over bracket, so presumably prefers a bot cup of cocoa. to a night out at Stringfellows.

Warren Buffett once said famously "I don't ask a harber whether I need a hair cut". The same holds true for investments ~ it doesn't make a lot of sense asking a salesman of emerging markets funds if exotic stock markets are place for your money. No marks for timing, in the light of yesterday's fun and games around the world, for Daniel Godfrey, chief spin doctor at Save & Prosper, who was heard gushing the results of a survey earlier this week showing 80 per cent of private investors felt a stock market crash was unlikely in the next few months. No surprise either that it's women with the investment nous. 49 per cent of the male punters surveyed last weekend favoured Asian markets, while their spouses plumped for Eastern Europe.

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Footsie bloodbath extends to second and third liners

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OF THE YEAR

Shares took a battering. Blue chips suffered their biggest ed today with talk the banking The latest Footsie retreat

The latest Footsie retre lence of five years ago.

At one time Footsie was down a staggering 222.1 points. It closed 157.3 off at 4,991.5; when the year started the index was 4,118.5.

The bloodbath was not confined to leaders. The FTSE 250 MidCap index lost 89.6 to 4.827 and the FTSE SmallCap

index 27.9 to 2,377.5p. ated most of the damage. But could be assumed, again exagother inhibiting influences surgerating price and index movefaced with the Government's inquiry into the Electricity Pool the changes seemed a more oalled review of electricity pulling the plug on geoerators reliable reflection of the atmosales pushing retailers lower.

The stock market was awash with rumours, most re- - the 1987 crash, the fallout dimmed 36.5p to 370p.

points fall since the 1987 crash and investment community and in percentage terms the had suffered huge losses in the sonal bankruptcies are regarded as inevitable.

rded as inevitable. The Hong Kong crisis took
Fears abound the Hong the inevitable toil of companies Kong crash will smash other already fragile Asian markets. undermining currencies and economies and hitting the western world.

occurred in busy trading with the new order-driven system The Hong Kong crash cre-increasing volatility and, it 38p to 344.5p. ments. But, unlike Wednesday,

represented a fall of just over 3 per cent; the 103 points biggest since the ERM turbu- meltdown. Corporate and per- decline in 1992 was just over 4 per cent.

> with Far Eastern connections. HSBC, the banking giant which owns Midland, crashed 156p (after 226p) to 1,610p. indard Chartered lost 26.5p Footsie's ragged decline to 689.5p and Cable & Wireless 17p to 473p. Incheape led the Midcaps lower, tumbling

It was, however, a generator at the head of Footsie's downhill procession. The sigwholesaling fused National and last month's weak retail sphere. Apprehension envelo- Power 48.5p (after 61.5p) to ped the market. October is a 488p and PowerGen lost 53p notorious month for upheavals at 678p. British Energy

2p gain by Rolls-Royce the best pected and ICI was positive at performance. Of the 250 Mid-Cap shares a dozen improved with Flextech's bid to become

the shares 20p to 571p. Imperial Chemical Industries fell 11.5p to 931p. Its third quarter figures would have had to be scintillating to produce a bullish reaction. In the



an analysts meeting.

Talk of a Minorco bid lifted brickmaker Hanson 3p to

2120 but Ladbroke fell 11p to

conservatory 10018, 10018, 10018
have picked a worse day to
make its debut. It managed to
shrug off the gloom, ending at a satellite broadcaster lifting 312p but Ladbroke fell 11p to 290.5p oo reports Hilton Hotel Corporation did oot intend to bid and BICC softened a further 9.5p to 175p as the rumoured bidder re-

mained out of sight. The weird and wonderful collection of Far Eastern investment trusts had a predictably woeful day. Some are Guaranty Trust, now account in danger of falling out of the for 37.2 per cent of the capi-250 MidCap index. Govett tal, op from 28.15 per cent. Oriental dived 8.5p to 115.5p; Fleming Japanese 9.5p to maker of labels, jumped 21p 162.75p and Foreign & Colonial Pacific 6.75p to 120.75p.

Fund manager Mercury Asset Management gave up Institutions are buying and 82p to 1,318p and investment there is talk the figures have group Schroders 100p to left Fergusoo vulnerable to a

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to 138p. Last week the shares

dropped to a 117p low fol-

lowing a half-time profits fall.

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Save, the petrol retailer once known as Frost Group, had a busy session, gaining 13p to 98.5p. Talk of a bid was again in the air. Credit Lyonnais Laing helped fuel the excitement, suggesting profits will hit £15m sext year. Analyst lan Jermin says it is "difficult to underestimate" the signalled takeover of 450 Gulf petrol stations by Shell. Besides confirming the rationalisation of the industry the price Shell is paying implies a value of £244m on Save or 204p a share.

And International, the Anglo Dutch electronic map publisher traded on AIM and Amsterdam, fell 10p to 187.5p. It raised £3.35m selling shares at 192p. The cash will help towards setting up an Irish operation. Two major shareholders have cut their interests, selling at

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Mr Mulligan wrong-foots bookies

Mr Mulligan, the Gold Cup winner, finished runner up on his reappearance at Wincanton yesterday. But, as Richard Edmondson argues, in trying to concede 131b to the winner on too sharp a course over too short a trip, he acquitted himself well and is good value at 12-1 with the Tote to win the Festival showpiece

again next March,

The Gold Cup crown which sits so uneasily was dislodged once again here yesterday, though there was plenty of information to suggest Mr Mulligan has been usurped only temporarily. The Cheltenham blue riband victor was beaten as much hy the short journey of the Desert Orchid South Western Pattern Limited Handicap Chase and flat track of Wincanton as

Gales Cavalier, who forged two lengths clear on the run-in. Mr Mulligan contributed to

a recent run which has seen nine of the last 11 Gold Cup winners beaten on their seasonal debuts the following campaign. Noel Chance, the chestnut's trainer, was one of the few who seemed to appreciate that two miles and five furlongs over Somerset's flatlands was a different assignment than the championship distance over the corrugated contours of Prestbury Park.

He said: "We're always sorry when we don't win but, provided he is all right in the morning I'll he delighted with today. The track wasn't suitable - it's turning all the time and he was on the wrong leg two or three times during the race.

"He needs a galloping track. For him to excel he's got to be out there pinging away, jumping away in front, but he was never able to do that and he was always under pressure. He had to jump well just to stay in it. It was a great experience [McCoy] had to throw him at five or six fences and that will have made a man of him. He stood up well and it was a great run giving the winner 13lb."

It was a performance that elicited a confused response from the bookmakers. William Hill and Ladbrokes were unmoved at 8-1 and 10-1 respectively. Coral cut Mr Mulligan

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Bold Effort (Newbury 3.40) NB: Duck Row (Newbury 3.10)

to 8-1, while the man from the Tote had a nasty turn and went 12-1 from 7-1.

Mr Mulligan did win one contest, the best turned-out award, which just shows what you can produce with the most unpromising of material. To create a colour close to the nineyear-old's you would have to wash a Netherlands football shirt 50 times. His body possessed the protruding ribcage

for our horse hecause Tony of an alley stray and his hide appeared too small for his body and close to puncture from an angular skeleton. Mr Mulligan routinely leads

in his races, but there was an even more determined pathfinder yesterday, as Adrian Maguire forced Gales Cavalier to the front. The chasing favourite employed the same sort of movement as a galloping giraffe, great, lazy bounds consuming huge tracts of ground. Gales Cavalier nipped along on the inside, much sharper by comparison.

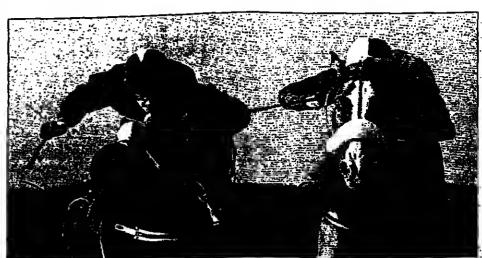
Mr Mulligan, who continually tacked out into the centre of the course, first closed up at the tenth and again joined combat at the cross fence. The first vestige of surrender was when he felt McCoy's stick three out, after which he began to sway with his labour. The orange horse touched down marginally in front at the last, but a race. You don't want to be by then his banks of reserves had been run dry.

McCoy reported that at no time was he preparing a victo-

maintain contact at the head of the field. He said: "The winner took him off his feet and he didn't have much time to jump. He would be much, much better on his own in front.

"He got in tight to one or two but otherwise he jumped well and it was a very good first effort. He looks very fit but on that run he's not. He got tired and I tried my best not to be too hard on him. I gave him one smack and he picked up, hut then he just got tired again. It was a good way to sharpen him up and get him ready for the King George and, on that run, he'll take some beating."

Kempton and Boxing Day is all that is now on the mind of Noel Chance too. He will not be tempted to have another look before then. He added: "This is a horse that you've got to get ready, prepare and set for running him every fortnight. He jumped well today but he's capable of doing something silly." Just like the man from the Tote.



Gales Cavaller (left) and Mr Mulligan fighting it out yesterday

Photograph: David Ashdown

NEWBURY 2.40: NANTON POINT, having a first run for two months when finishing a creditable four lengths fourth to High Intrigue over 2m at Goodwood last month, figures

on a lenient handicap mark here. Jaseur, who is in great form at present, is the obvious danger.

3.10: DUCK ROW, who looked a colt with a future when beating Quiet Assurance by 11/2 lengths in a stakes race over a mile here on his debut last month, has the 3.40: DOUBLE ACTION ran a

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pace to cope with this slightly shorter trip, will have no problems with the yielding ground and should be hard to beat. Naughty Bine and La-Fash should pose the

blinder to finish threequarters of a length second to Wildwood Flower in the Ayr Gold Cup Handicap over today's trip of six furlongs last month. He looks the pick of the weights here on that form. My Best Valentine has been running well in big sprints all season and deservedly won a decent prize at Newmarket a week ago. He cannot be ruled out. Brave Edge and The Puzzler should also go well, while a return to form by Daring Destiny, drawn near the stands side, would not be a sur-

NEWBURY

2.10 Intiaash 2.40 Nanton Point 3.10 Duck Row 3.40 Double Action

4.10 Top Jem 4.40 Shadlann 5.10 Fields Of Omagh

GOING: Good to Soft Penetrometer 3.66
STALLS: Straight - stands side; round course - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5' to 1m on straight course.

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	5	10	VODAFONE BRITISH/NORTHERN RACING SCHOOLS
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BETTING: 5-1 Zura, 6-1 Victory Team, 10-1 Bold True, 11-1 Indimeth, Ella Lunteee, 12-1 Jettrey Anotherred, Daffe Well, Vend Well Ved, 14-1 Agartes, Becchus, Gibo, Sumerrer Queen, Scissor Ridge, 14-1 Geo Bae Dreum, Night Danca, Nordinez, Zolds Zoak, 20-1 others
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Elia Lamees, who struck form at Windsor (6f) towards the end of Juty, might well be good enough to tollow up off a 5tb higher mark despite being off the course since, inched out by Districtive Dream at the same track a week earlier, Willia Mussor's runner can improve again and she should last out the extra furlong even it she could manage only eight to Sharph Shady at Newmarket on her only previous attempt at the high however, prelimented is for ZUHS, who gained consecutive victories at Leicester and Folkestone before a three of the behind Flock Falcon on desperate ground at Ascot. Victory Team folkwed lest monthly Folkestone success with a third of 18 to Safey Ana under 8st 12lb at Lingfield and holds. Zeitde Zonk (two lengths adrift in sidth and a pound better off). Selection: 2UFS

2.40 VODAFONE GROUP HANDICAP (CLASS C) BBC2 \$8,000 added 2m Penalty Value £6,232 SOSTI JASEUR (USA) (14) (D) (Shelich Mohammod) J Gooden 4 10 0 L. L. Dettorf 10 V M
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		PROSPERO (25) (Mrs Geynor Scrutch) Mrs A Perrett 4 8 F	
		GALAPINO (14) (Gendal) Partnership Ltd) Gay Xelloway 4 8 7	
		NANTON POINT (USA) (41) (0) (L.G. Lezenze) Lady Herries 5 8 8 R Cochrane 7 92	
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Whitechapel, 16-1 Galapino, Nanton Point, Hick Of Time, 13-1 Prospers, 20-1 Asours
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JASEUR, unplaced in his first three races this sesson, has made great strides since being upped in distance, landing his last three, all handicaps, the first a Bath (first 5th maiden and the other two in tremandous style at Ascot (2m). The selection can carry on the
good work deeplas being raised 20to since his handicap debut, having gone up 8th since
last time. John Gooden's numer had much mans in hand last time than the length-andequature winning matrin over Gelechips successis and quartit to confirm superiority on 8th last time. John Gosden's numer had much more in hand last time then the length-and-equater winning margin over Galaptno supposts and ought to confirm superiority on 6th worse terms. Galaptno firshad only 12th of 14 to Jaseur the time before when Whitechapel (later third to Douphn when market lasder for an amatisus' event also at Ascot) was 1th Jaseur might have most to lear from Thause Anexa, who also comes here in cracking form, scoring is Warrwick and Nottinghem. Nick Of Time, a four-length tourth to Therne Arena at Warrwick, should finish closer with his 8th ackertage. Capitalin Jack, file Therne Arena at Warrwick, should finish closer with his 8th ackertage. Capitalin Jack, file Therne Arena at Warrwick, should finish closer with his 8th ackertage. Capitalin but Jaseur should have his measure at a difference of only 4th. Prospero finished wall clear of the rest when besten a length and a quarter by City Hall at Balth, while the melical Royal Crower was eight lengths loser of the third when running Moon Colory to a head at Nottingham lest time.

3	.10	VODAFONE HORRIS HILL STAKES (Group 3) BBC2 (CLASS A) £30,000 added 2YO 7164yds £19,800
1		BATSWING (13) Sictori Webert M Monde 89T Sorate 8 B 85
2	1	DUCK ROW (USA) (35) (C) (Dute of Description) J Toler 88
5	001	MESHISHWAY (20) (D) (A.S. Helekal) B Mochan 8 9,
4	101	LA-FAAH (13) (7) (Harrisen Al Mickelant) B Hills 8 8
5	01	NUMBERTY BLUE (USA) (37) (U) (Godophri) Seed bin Surcer 8 8
B	51	SENSORY (45) (D) (X Abrabata B Has 89 M Has 4 81
7	Off	SMART SCHALL (USA) (14) (II) (George Ward) Lord Huntington 88
9	25	VICTORY NOTE (22) (C) (Mrs. J. Magrier & Mr R Sungates) P C+harm 8.9

BETTING: 13-8 Deck Rose, 4-1 Neuglay Blue, 5-1 La-Peats, 11-2 Victory Note, 10-1 Sensary, 12-1 Sensar Squall, 14-1 Israelstwerg, 20-1 Betwertig 1896; Desert Story 2 8 6 J Peac 6-4 fee (4) Story driven (4) 8 ran 1 FORM GUIDE

DUCK ROW goes for this in preference to tomorrow's Recing Post Trophy and the US-bried can supplement last month's successful debut when he ran on well to defect the more experienced Quiet Assumince a length and a helt in a mile conditions event at this course. Quiet Assumince dight list the form down when winning a 22-numer maiden at Newmarket rest time and Duck Robe, whom connections sate superior to stablemals Respot Row, the Royal Lodge victor, definitely looks one to below. Duck Row might have most to fear from Victory Note, who fulfilled the promise he showed when runner-up behind Craig-stact over this journey on his Newmarket debut when justifying isvouritism on this track next time and he finished fifth to Hays in the Maddle Purk. The return to seven furlongs will suit the Fairy King cost. The sotter the ground the better La-Franh will file it, Barry Hills' charge rewing won less time on the heavy at Ascot - where he was also success-Held creating from the second state of the property after ful on this cloth in July. Sasert Squall is worth a by in this much better company after his decidive nursery violony in the mud at Ascot three weeks ago, Neingridy Blue non away with a Yermouth motion on only his second start and there should be better still to come from the Goddichtin number.

3.40 GARDNER MERCHANT RATED HANDICAP BBC2 (CLASS B) £13,000 added 6f 8yds £8,217

	54D400	BOLD EFFORT (8) (0) (A.) Richards) K Currengham-Brown 5 89 9 Drowne F B 106
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1	003000	ASTRAC (34) (D) (T L Becouth N Tricker 6 87 L Dettor 10 89
2	200103	PATSY GREES (15) (CO) K Groves) 8 Moore 7 87 T Quinn 12 105
3		HO EXTRAS (27) (D) (SP) (X Higsort) D L Moore 7 8 7
4		HELLO MISTER (5) (D) Stran Mitter) T Powel 5 8 T P McCarbe (3) 15 106
5		PRENIOS CA (7) (D) (B Bull) W Mair 4 8 7
6	2.0202	OPEN CREDIT (25) (II) (BF) (Buckson Oak Holdings) H Cack 3 is 5 _A McGlone B 102
7	290129	DISTRICTIVE DREAM (13) (D) (K Throng K Nory 386 J F Egus 17 B 93
8	425-0	LUCAYAN BEACH (11) (Bren Gubby Let) B Gubby 3 88 M Femion 18 100
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Minimum weight: Set 7th, (3)-0 Bet 5th). The hand-pay weights: Astrac, Paray Grimes, No Extres & HoldMaking Set 5th, Prends Ca 8ct 4th, Open Credit 8st 5th, Districtive Dream 7st 12th, Luckyon Beach 6st 15th.

SETTING: 6-1 Double Action, I-1 My Beat Velentine, 6-1 No Estres, The Puzzler, 16-1 Patay Grimes,
Prends Ca, 12-1 Hello Minim, Open Credit, 16-1 Brave Edge, Shock Value, 16-1 Astrac. Botshot,
Bowden Reac, During Destiny, 20-1 Seld Effort, Carrantia, 33-1 ber

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Cup – a race won by his dam, Finel Shot – with a 7th peneity but went down three parts
of a length to Welwood Flower beto reced on the opposite side of the track) in a field of
28. The Reprimend geiding is unly 4b higher here and should have no trouble in again
tailong care of Astrice and Beld Effort, who finished in the ruck at the Soutish venue. No
Editae ran one of his rare poor races when favourite and 15th of 25 to Jo Mell at Ascot
lest month but was rouched off in his two preceding races both in large fields at Goodwood – first by Rifti and then by Wicktwood Flower. No Estras holds Prends Ca and Bowden Rose on the former Goodwood run and Distinctive Dream on the other. My Best
Valentine, a neck accord to Danetime in the Stewards Cup with No Extras (seventh)
and Hallo Mister(19th) behind, was third of 22 to Deathing Bue in the Portland at Doncaster, where Bold Effort, Helio Mister, Patary Grimes, The Puzzler, Bowden Rose and
Astrac finished in ansers.

Selection: DOUBLE ACTION

A 10 ROUND OAK HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,500 added

•		1m 2f Syds Penalty Value £5,320
	200105	CONSPICUOUS (19) (D) (Mrs. Jerry Hopkes) L G Coomil 7 TO D
	(Maries)	KING OF TUNES (FR) (20) (D) (Mrs Elleut Sheetser) M Haynes 5 9 13 R Cockrane 7
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	284/54	STAR MANAGER (USA) (34) (C) (M Atbb) P Cot 79 TI
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	281011	KENKAPRA (21) (3) (G Palmer) B R Millman 3 9 8
	29500	PRAIRE FALCON (55) (Lody Hermon) B His 388
	3403	NATURAL SIGHT (198) (SIT) (Mrs Mobiley Su) R Ameticing 3 9 8
	(MASSA)	GIFT TOKEN (20) Mrs D Elsy D Chappel 395
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		KOATHARY (USA) (30) (E Gardedon and Mas M Fairburt) L G Contrel 6 8 D . M Fairbon 15
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	300040	CALYPSO LADY (17) (Mrs D M Worts) R Harmon 5 6 4
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RETING: 6-1 Kewarra, I'-1 Mester Bevelad, 6-1 Starp Consul, 6-1 Proble Falcon, Top Jen, 10-1 Bubble Wings, GRT Robes, Star Message, 12-1 King Of Robes, Mufacture, Sophomore, 14-1 Present Sharton, Sycamore Boy, 16-1 Complexues, Hearbyst, 20-1 others 1998: Edun Hegrits 4 8 8 A Day [5] 9-1 (S Dave) drewn [5] 21 ran

GUFT TOKEN has frished unplaced in her six starts ance the went in at Salisbury (maiden) in June but she was only fine longths off the winner when rikth of 36 in the Cambridgeshire. She also ran well the time before when a three-length fifth of 17 to Antwery
over course and distance. Bubble Wings, start winning seeing up at Pontehrad, also ran
well in the big HO handicap, finishing right behind the selection in tenth, while King Of
Tures finished listh. Kewerre rates a big damper having scored for the third time from its
test four runs when steamring Silverant three lengths at Nowmarket three weeks ago, Sharp
Consul, who won off a 5th lower mark over the rip here last month, can confirm the form
with fourth-placed Star Memoger, who was more than three lengths earth and has a 6th
put, Masterr Beveled, besten a length by McGillycuddy Resks at York two weeks ago,
has run well although unplaced in both outlings since.

Selection: GFT TOKEN FORM GUIDE

4.40 ENBOURNE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 25,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 6yds Panalty Value £3,938 1 5330 DAKZAS (55) (A E Opperheirer) R Charlon 8 0 R Perham 16 2 JESTER MANUE (S & Components) & Peans 8 0 Blogs 5 4 2830 LAWZ (55) (A Endour 1 Buston 160 M Haymes 8 0 Blogs 5 5 03 MOWELGA (25) (Hermotin Al Maldoum) C Benstand 9 0 J Lowe 7 5 03 MOWELGA (25) (Hermotin Al Maldoum) C Benstand 9 0 D O'Stines 15 6 2 REGISER BUCK (ESA) (9 1, Popi R O'Sulving 9 0 D A Procier 2 7 322 RICARDO (10) (BF) (K Abdully R Cherlton 9 0 N J O'Connot 1 8 022 SHADIANN (5) (BF) (K Abdully R Cherlton 9 0 N J O'Connot 1 9 STORM COMBANO (Harry Consonty & Partners (2)) D Arbutinrot 9 D M Wighten 9 ANGEL ONE FIVE Mis M N Tutnet) P Hedge 8 R F Nortin 1 2 505000 MARY (CLI) (20) (Mrs David Blackburn H Candy 6 8 N Addisons 14 9 0044 POLISKA PRINCESIS (54) (Mrs E Derboser) Lord Hursingdon 8 9 N Carriale 15 9 03 SERPENTARA (45) (Lady Hosteric to Widdon) H Ced 8 8 N Addisons 2			
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M Carlinio 15		DOM	POLSKA PRINCESS 64 Mrs E Darboven Lord Huminotics 89
		00	PRIME (153) (White Bear Limited) FI Phillips 8.8. N Carllale 15
5 038 SERPENTARA (45) (Lady Howard de Welden) H Cecil 88		033	SERPENTARA (45) (Lack Howard de Welden) H Cecil 88 A McGlone I
5 DS SEETH WHALLIAN (18) (Berouche Saud Ltd) Fi Harmon 89	ž		ST WELL VANALLIAN (18) (Barouche Stud Ltd) F Harmon 89
- 18 declared -	_		

BETTING: 9-4 Serpentara, 11-4 Shediann, 11-2 Ricardo, 6-1 Roggle Buck, 16-1 Lauz, Mowelge, 12-1 Dectars, 14-1 Police Priocess, 20-1 others 1996. Entiched 8 8 9 D Hind 9-4 jt lav | J Cooking them (6) 16 ran

1996. Enriched 8 8 9 D Hird 9-4 jf fav (J Godden) drawn (S) 16 ran POPAM GUIDE.

SERPENTARA, third to Sacho at Leicester lest month and similarly placed behind Shaya and Bearman at Sandown before that, looks certain to improve having had only three races and site can get off the mark here. Luca Cuments Shaddam fund 13 lengths to spare over former stablemeta Reggie Buck (now in Rotand O'Sullivan's stable)—when they were second and third to Sabardia on heavy going at Huydock nine days ago and might proved most danger, He was also runner-up on his previous start – behind subsequent Princess. Boyal harmen Deliah at York. The Haydock race was Reggie Buck's first since his debut exerced to Droma in the Mond Drifter in Annil.

Salection: SERPENTARA

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5.	10	E.R.F. THEALE MAIDEN STAKES (2YO 6f 8yds Penaity Value £4,27	(CLASS D) £5,000 added '6
	8	ABANON (34) (Kingadown Recing) M Chamion & O.	F Egan 19
		BONIB ALASKA DAIS B Sweet G Balding 9 0	D Biggs 10
		BUZZING (Mrs P Jubert) R Hermon 8 D	Dane O'Nell 2
		CAERNARTON BAY (Sr George Mayrick) P Cole 8	0 T Outen 5
	D	DESERT VALENTINE (43) (Mrs Lucy Heloran) L.G.	Cottrell 8D M Fertion 8
		FA-ED (Goddicturi) Seeed bin Surect 9 0	L Detion 18
		FA-EQ (Goddiphn) Seed bin Surect 90	0
	0	HEIGHLAND LORD (123) (P Fetherston-Godley) M F	etherston-Godley 9 DF Norton 13
	00	MUNTELLO (54) (Super Sortners) D Chappell 9 0	
)		MISTER RAMBO (Abbott Raping Limited) B Meetro	0.80
		PRIMORDIAL (FR) (D G Churstort) S Dow 90	R Parham 17
	00	PRINCE COLLEY (8) (Bryan Pennick) G L Moore 8 D	Candy Mords 23
		FIOT (Lord Hartington) J Gosden 8 D	R His 21
	3	ROI BRISHANE (23) Clohn Hodget M Johnston 9 D	HEs 16
		SHIPLEY GLEN (B) DA'S L Purnet 5" M Prescott 6	
i		TANTABAR UK Russias & Mrs AR Russiast D Hay	on Jones 9 0 S Drowne B
,		ALAPMENG MOTOWN (Lord Lloyd-Webber) I Beldir	10 8 9 D Sweeney (3) 20
		LUCY BLITTERS (USA) (Paul Malon) Bolding 88	D Griffithe (3) 4
		MOON GORGE (Lady Howard de Walder) W Jarve	89A McGlone 22
3	00	PROBLATED (11) (E J Loder) D Loder 89	
		SHEILA-B (D L C Hodges) P Makin 89	
,		SCHABBLE (1 D Holland-Maryin) R Johnson Hough	on 89 J Reid S
	02	LIPLIFTING (29) (Geny Albertici) L.G. Cottral 89	
	ō	WAFF'S FOLLY (34) (F H Walford) G Charles-Jones — 24 declared -	88C Relier 1

BETTING: 7-4 Pa-En, 5-1 Roll Brishams, 6-7 Updating, 7-1 Commerton Buy, 16-1 Agenon, 12-1 Riot, Phristated, 14-; Buzzing, Shipley Glen, 16-1 Mon George, Lucy Gilltera, 20-1 others 1996 Zn-Im 2.80 M Hills 9-2 (B Hills) drawn (12) 23 zn FORM GUIDE

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FA-ED tetched FR450,000 gris as a yearing and could be protty smert. His demis only provious offspring was a winner at two test year. Northern challenger Roll Britishane will have benefited from his first attempt when taking minor honours behind Lucayan Indian and at Newcastle, beaten two lengths and a length and a half. Lucayan Indian went on to win a conditions race at Newmarket when the selections stablemets Abrecze frushed a classup fourth. Agranon, Watter Folly and Mantello finished sicht, seventh and rith of 19 Poly Blue here lest morth and the first named, who was going on well at the finish, and must improve, can confirm the form.

DONCASTER

2.00 Zaya 2.30 Caudillo 3.00 PUTUNA (nap) 3.30 Moon Colony (nb) 4.00 Winsa 4.30 Secret Ballott 5.00 Suite Factors PRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

● Left-hand, peur-shaped course with mile streight.

● Course is E of town off the A638 (M18 Jots 3 & 4), Bus link from Donesates Central station, ADMISSION: Club 514, Tattersalis 58. Silver Ring SS CAR PARIL: Free.

■ LEADING TRAINERS: 8 Hills 34-150 (189%), J Goaden 31-149 (28%), J Dunlop 29-150 (183%) H Cecil 25-104 (24%).

■ LEADING JOCKEYS: K FeBon 32-231 (183%), J Fortune 15-154 (10.4%), J Curtoll 16-155 (10.2%), J Westver 15-151 (59%).

■ FAVOURITIES: 233-760 (50.7%).

ELINKERED FIRST TIME: Betzao (2.30), Muhamdem (vicored) (2.30), Zoom Up (visored) (4.30), Absolute Liberty (visored) (4.30).

2.00 EBF WHEATLEY PARK MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 added 2YO 7f CLASS D) E4,750 added a

ALRABYAH (50) P Walvyn 9 0

BOLD LEGACY W Mur 8 0

BERONSIE (10) J Hills 8 0

GYPSY PRISSION (50) M Johnston 8 0

JORYT REGISTY (USA) (22) 8 Hills 9 0

KILCULLEN J Gooden 9 0

LEGAL LENCH (USA) P Harris 8 0

LOYE KISS (5) M J Johnston 9 0

ON NORSIGLAD (5) Sr M Prescott 8 0

D PRESMARP (24) P Howing 8 0

RAYK FI American 8 0

ZAYA Sased bin Supor 9 0

LYA Sased bin Supor 9 0

LYA Sased bin Supor 9 0

TNG: 6-4 Joint Regent, 4-1 Zaya, 11-2 Raylit, 6-1 Kilcullen, 10-1 yah, 12-1 Legal Lunch, 14-1 Gypsy Passion, 25-1 others 2.30 SPROTBOROUGH CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,025 added 7f 11/24 ALLEHANDE (251) (12) Ron Thompson 5.8 4 V Halldey 15 0 Barrion ABBOT (112) M Saunders 4.8 2 P P Marphy (3) 44 25006 MART V GAMER (18) (0) J Berry 5.8 22 C Loueter (5) 10 05000 OBERON'S DART (20) (0) P Makin 4.8 12 J Fortune 20

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71-012	SALTY BEHAVIOUR (10) (EF) FI Herron 36 TLP Fencey (3) 18
-1004	MUTHANDAM (5) (C) P Kalency 48 toK Fedom S V
0302	PAWI (30) (0) Gay Redown 488
45-00	BELZAQ (30) R Simples 4 87 M Gallegher 17 &
00-P0	SPECENT DESERT (37) M Were 4 8 7 Deen McKecom 11
5460	SHERAZ (145) N Trider 5 87 Kim Tinkler 1 B
01004	COURT HOUSE (18) M Chapman 388 S Carson (7) 13
	GUINNERS GLORY (1) Mrs L Souths 3 8 8 R Firench (5) 5 V
30505	
04	BORAM BOY (USA) (18) A Baby 3 8 8
0000	MUNICIN (18) Mrs L Suctos 5 8 8
4003	DISPOL DIAMOND (5) (D) G Obroyd 4 8 5 K Hedgeon F
- 3	RISKY MESSILE (268) D Morris 3 8 5
24041	DAVIS ROCK (3) (D) W Mar 384
D400	CAUDELO (13) Mrs P Dutlield 4 8 5 J Quino 2
33150	GOLD LINNIG (207) E Alston 4 8 2
33180	LA DOYENNE (17) (D) C Boots 3 9 2
00-00	LOMONO LASSIE (USA) (59) T Kerney 482 N Kermedy 19
	- 22 declared -
G- 10	190 Olen Day Good R. 1 Cally Rehablery 19.5 Harri V Garner

Court House, Suran Boy, 20-1 Dispot Diamond, Risky Mi 25-1 Rest, 33-1 others

3.00 FLAXTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 added 2YO filles 1m (Round) ___ B Hard 12 __ M Gallegow >
__ J Carroll 13
__ G Bestwell 14
___ A Garth 9
__ Martin Dayer 1
__ M Verson 14
__ J Fortune 15
__ N Wright

17 TREGER HAPPY M Johnston 8 11 J Western 1 18 5 TUGELA (USA) (57) B Hills 8 11 J D Smith (4) 17 — 18 doctored — 19 doctored Turbing, 12-1 Bescon Blata, 14-1 Safauta, Hippocoscy, Trigger Happy, Süpper, 18-1 Tugets, 20-1 Lady Of The Dance, Rubes, 50-1 others

-	200	BACING CHA	NNEL RUSSBO	ROUGH
13	5.30	HANDICAP (C	NNEL RUSSBOI LASS D) £5,000	added
-		1m 6f 132yds		
1	1033/	SLENCE IN COURT &	905) (C) A Balley 6 10 0	A Maciuny 2
2	5-250	RUSK (60) J Peerce 4	99	eston (7) 18
3	065-22	STARTIAN HEARTBEA	「(21) (517) C Omban 48 7.J	G Dufficks
4	104511	FORGE (80) P Calver	498	N Day 12
5	2310	CAMPASPE (30) (BF)	J Placeraid 593	K Fallon 11
8		HAL HOO YAROOM ((4) (D) Fl Aleshand 4 8 18 J	G Carter 15
7	Sec. 11.	MOON COLDNY (3) L	my Hernes 4 8 19 (4ar) Per	ul Eddery 3
5	22146	TYCOOMESS (NO) M J	UTINEX 38 TI	eaver 17 B
9	03003	MODIFARI (FR) (18) (D	R Hollanhead B B C	F Lymen 18
10	052	CYSANDROS (18) J G	oeden 3 8 8	G Hand 8
11	5055	TOOKOUT (24) (BIL) B	H 3 85	TOTAL 8
12	65-000	ROYAL SEATON (14)	Mrs P Duttend 885	J Cutos 10
13	-0555	JAMAH (7) K Market 3	64CL	wither (5) 4
14	234330	AUGUSTAN (20) (C) 8	Got as 8 88	Million 15
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17	14045	ALUARGE (55) (CD) &	Britain 7710 G Ba	14 B
18	23340	TAJAR (USA) (18) TX	addy 57 10N	Keenledy 1
		-18 de	clared -	
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	444 1 5	1 Harry Jacobs, 32-1 A	On, Tycocness, 14-1 Sp	THE PERSON NAMED IN
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4.00 DANUM NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,550 added 2YO 1m (Round)

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24300 WHSOME SCHORE (11) C. Februrs 9 2 ____ N Keemed; 14

420 WHSA (USA) (27) (SF) J. Ourloy 97 ____ G Carter 6

5500 SUNYEZ LA TRACE (10) J.J.O'Neil 6 13 ____ J. Weever 5

43032 O'POSTION LEADER (17) B He 6 10 ____ J. Fallon 10

56422 PRESCE ASR.BISH (17) EFP P. Heaten 8 I.__ C. Luceber (5) 11

6220 LEFT THE OFFER (41) R. Hermon 8 II._ C. Luceber (5) 11

62210 PANAMA HOUSE (45) T. Besterby 8 8 ____ G. Duffind 2

00400 O'SSN (5) Mrs P. Duffeet 8 1 _____ D. Weight 4

66520 ROYAL GROUND (11) M Cremon 7 15 ____ A Mackey 1

00530 DUTCH LAD (7) M Brogiona F. S. _____ D. Weight 4

66530 ROYAL GROUND (11) M Cremon 7 15 ____ A Mackey 1

00530 MYSTAGOGUE (4) R Hermon 7 10 ____ P. Fessey (3) 13

-14 declared -____ P. Fessey (3) 13

-inum weight: Tet 105. The hermon 9 weights: Capitain McCoy 74 8b. Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handlesp weights: Captain McCloy 7st 8th. Mysignous 7st Sh.

BETTING: T-2 Dutch Lad, 3-2 Prince Ashieigh, 5-1 Capaign McCloy, 7-1
Opposition Lander, 8-1 Wites, 10-1 Ltt. 7he Office, 12-1 Flower O'Caresis,
14-1 Lord O'Love, 16-1 Pleasme House, Suivez La Tince, 50-

5.00 OCTO

4.30 WESTWOODSIDE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 60yds

BETTING: 45 histy Cay, 4-1 Silver Secret, 6-1 Vertwood, 16-1 Two Bills, 12-1 Bits Cheese, 14-4 Fortune Harler, 16-1 Knyeeses

4.50 WILLIAM YOUNGER EAST ANGLIA HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) 28,000

| ASUI- MANOR MED (199) (CD) G Profroncu 11 11 10 | Mandro Manor Mandro (3) | Mandro Mandro (3) | Mandro (3)

added 2m 5f 110yds

TNCT (29) (D) Mrs A Switherk 9 0 G Dutteks T	Trio: €2640.
TAIL (10) Mas S Hall 9 0	2.40: 1, BALANITA (T Sprake) 33-1; 2.
BALLOT (11) (D) K Marci 8 13 5eq R Firench (2) 14	Redar 5-1 k lev. 3. Montano 8-1; 4. Lycles
TIPS (195) A Harroon A B K Fellon 17	8-1. 18 ran. 5-1 ft fev Laurents Lad (8th). 11/2,
(592) P Walnym 8 7 Carroll 2	hd. (B Paling), Tote: £5940; £13.70, £2.20,
(332) P Wishryn 8 7	£210, £160, DF: £11430, CSF: £18242, Tric-
TE LIBERTY (11) (D) 5 Woods 8 5 N Day 10 V	ast: £108685. Trio: £468.10.
ATTALION (11) (BF) R Holinshead 85F Lynch 19	3.10: 1, ANGSTROM (J Reid) 20-1; 2. He-
ARDENER (212) N Litimoder 8 4 D Wright 4	ofth 4-9 fav; 3. High Tension 3-1.8 ran. 4.
SV 249 John Berry 8 3 doubthal 3	2/h. (M Stoute) Total £1630; £260, £110, £120
LENT (4) (D) S Gallage 81 I Williams 15	DF: E700 CSF: £26.82, Trio: £2.40.
THAT MAN (16) (D) 5 C Williams I 12 Dulinn S	3.40: 1. CABCHARGE BLUE (T Sprake)
- 17 declared -	13-2; 2. Jubilee Scholar 18-1; 3. Without
et Ballot, 8-1 Night Mirage, 7-1 Zoom Up, 8-1 lie	Friends 8-1; 4. Plouant 12-1, 20 ran, 8-1 tay
merican Whieper, Foot Bettellon, 12-1 others.	Dances With Hooves, 1,1 /s. (T. Naughton) Total:
BER APPRENTICE HANDICAP	PRSO: £290, 2640, £350, £360, DF: £33170, CSF:
	£12184. Tricest: £83825. Trio: £184900.
SS E) £4,025 added 3YO 7f	4.10: 1. SECRET SPRING (D Sweeney)
L (11) (D) M Chapman 8 11 (Sec) 8 Carmon (5) 15	11-8 fav: 2. Undercover Agent 9-2; 3.
A (ZT) (U) A Bailey 9 7	Sword Arm 15-2 9 mm, hd, shil-hd. (P
RETZ (28) J W Wats 93P Pessey 10	Hedger), Tota: \$2.40; \$160, \$200, \$3.70. DF:
PAE (9) M Charten 9 1 P P Marphy 15	£890, CSF; £802, Tno; £37.10.
Y (18) (D) R Hollinshead 8.0F Lynch 22 L PORTUNE (4) (D) 0 Nichole 8 12. A Nicholia (6) 18	4.40: 1, BE TRUE (R Brisland) 4-1 tav; 2.
POHILUNE UP (U) U PERIODE & TZA NICHORS (S) 18	Plandom Kindness 6-1; 3. Opera Buff 5-1.
REY (USA) (18) J Hith 8 12	8 ran. 11/c, 11/c. (G L Moore) Tota: DAGO; £180.
G (51) M Saunches 88	E280, £180 DF: £1940, CSF: £2541 Tricast
IC DEV FISH W 14-07 In Ukuman Fish 12	£110.15. Trio: £23.90. NR: Sharbedarid
IS REX (32) W Mur 8 7	Jackpot: not won (\$570,74836 to Newbury
NCESS (7) 50 MW Enterby 88 5 Floreupore (5) 8 B	today). Placapot: £3080. Quadpot: £1300.
MAITE (6) S Bowing 88 (5m) C Teague 8	Place 8: £2856. Place 5: £2213.
IO (2) Mrs J Remeden & 5 C Lowther 2 V	TUDLOW
ACTORS (20) K Burke 83 5 Flighton (6) 20	2.20: 1, KINGDOM EMPEROR (R. John-
(11) C Owver 8 3	son) 7-1; 2. Prairie Minstrel 7-4 fav; 3. Beryl-
R KING (11) (D) C Dwyer 83 A McCarthy (5) 1	Steam 11-4. 5 rans. 11/2, 6. (W Clay). Total: 28:00;
IN (56) W Mileson 82	\$2.40, \$130, DF: \$760, CSF: \$1637.
PL (21) May J Cock 81	2.50: 1, INCH EMPEROR (Mr A Wintle)
URN LADY (101) K Hogg 80 D Mernagh (5) 14	10-1; 2. Mozemo 2-1 fav; 3. Ferwick 10-1.
OF ARAGON (70) J GOVER 7 11 A Poll 5	9 ran. 8, 7. (A Carroll). Tota: £1000; £290,
EX (17) R Petrey 7 10	£130, £2.20, DF: £17:10, CSF: £2864 THoast:
-22 declared -	£19550. Trio: £29.90.
b.True handroop weight: Why D Six 7st 7tb.	3.20: 1. SQUIRE'S OCCASION (R John-
s, 6-1 Krusts, 7-1 See Ye Stealer, 5-1 Melaciacie, 16-1	son) 11-4; 2. Percy Brakinweits 2-1; 3. Sher-
14-1 Oxbane, Aybeegiri, Nervous Rax, 16-1 others	wood Boy 8-1. 4 ran. 15-8 tay Robert's Toy
	40th) 1/6, 14 (R) Curtist, Today (23.70, DE) (22.30)

2.20: 1, KINGDOM EMPEROR (R Johnson) 7-1; 2, Prairie Minetrel 7-4 fax; 3, Beryllium 11-4 f ran. 11-6 (W Clay), Tolar 28:00; 22-40, 1:30, DF: 27:80, CSF: 29:83; 2, 250; 1, INCH EMPEROR (Mr A Winte) 10-1; 2. Mozemo 2-1 fav; 3. Fermick 10-1 9 ran. 8, 7. (A Carroll). Tota: £1000; £290 £190, £220, DF: £1710, CSF: £2984, Tricast £19550, Tric: £2990. 3.20: 1. SQUIRE'S OCCASION (R John son) 11-4; 2. Percy Brakitweite 2-1; 3. Sherwood Boy 8-1.4 ram. 15-8 tay Robert's Toy (RII) 'In 14 (R Curtis) Total: £3.70. DF: £2.30. CSF: £7.86.

RACING RESULTS

BRIGHTON 2.10: 1. BIGNATORY (Dene O'Neil) 13-2; 2. Silversmith 2-1 ir lay; 3. Absolom's Lad 2-1 it fax. 12 ran. 5, 1/s. (R Harmon). Total: 6850; 6150; 6150; 6150; 057; 6772

Trio: £3440. 2.40: 1, BALANITA (T Sprake) 33-1; 2.

(401) '/s. 14 (R Curris). Tota: 23.70. DF: 22.30. CSF: 27.98.
3.50: 1. RRISH DOMINION (R Johnson) 11-2, 2. Days Of Thunder 14-1; 3. Rupples 92.8 rm. 3-1 fev Pusiti Gerd. 5.9 (P Bowen). Tota: 2540; 2150. 2230, 2180. DF: 23830. CSF: 25752. Tricast: 2542-4, Tio: 25650.
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Ferguson's quiet men making a big noise in Europe

Manchester United's victory over Feyenoord on Wednesday, combined with results elsewhere in the Champions' League, have lifted the Old Trafford club to the brink of the European Cup quarter-finals.

Glenn Moore, our Football Correspondent, explains why United are already within sight of qualifying.

It is less than three years since Manchester United were crushed 4-0 on a Champions' League visit to Barcelona, but Alex Ferguson's pleasure at the Catalan club's 3-0 defeat in Kiev on Wednesday had nothing to do with revenge. It simply meant United's chances of qualifying for the last eight of the European Cup were even further improved.

That humbling by Barcelona today seems as distant as Liverpool's last championship. Following United's 2-1 win over Feyenoord on Wednesday they are top of Group B and within reach of the quarterfinals. Barcelona are bottom of

Group C and face the difficult task of having to win all three of their remaining games, while hoping other results go their way, to qualify.

The knock-out stage will consist of the six group winners plus the two best-placed runners-up. If United can beat Feyenoord in Rotterdam on 5 November, and Kosice at home on 27 November - which should be a formality - they will almost guarantee themselves one of the runners-up spots regardless of the result against Juventus in Turin on 10 December.

Because those two wins would give United 15 points, a tally which cannot now be result as it is now difficult for not a vindictive man - and be

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remains a Barcelona employee. baving been effectively sacked after winning three trophies for them last year - the difficulties of his successor as coach, Louis van Gaal, must induce a mild schadenfreude.

The strongest memory of United's Nou Camp nightmare is the sight of Gary Pallister and Steve Bruce bewildered by Romario and Stoichkov while Peter Schmeichel sat gloomily in the stand. On Wednesday. Pallister was as assured as he has ever appeared, for United or England, while Schmeichel was back in goal, liberated by the post-Bosman raising of the restrictions on foreigners.

young English talent al Old Trafford, Schmeichel would no looger need to be left out but United bave still benefited from the change. They only played four "foreigners" on Wednesday, including the substitute Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, but had another four on the bench and two more injured (Newcastle featured five, plus two non-playing substitutes and

two injured). More significant, however, is the composure of the team. United have learned much from Barcelona and other defeats and are now better at retaining possession and exercising

Cameroon to

Given the blossoming of patience for longer. They have become adept at changing the pace, mixing bursts of highoctane football with periods of calm. When Feyenoord sat back they passed the ball around to draw them out rather than hoof forward in bope. Or Pallister would stride into the space, forcing the Dutch to come to him and leave gaps for Ryan Giggs and company to exploit.

United's self-control is also impressive. They had the best disciplinary record of last year's Champions' League and are showing the same this season with one yellow card, for Giggs, in three matches. It is a long way from the snarting side of '94.

First cut is the deepest for Smith and crew

The British entry in the Whitbread Race sailed into Cape Town in a respectable but unspectacular fourth place, but, as its skipper tells Stuart Alexander, wiser for the testing experience.

There was a quiet confidence rather than disappointment about Lawrie Smith when he secured fourth place in the first leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race here yester-

The frustration of having seen Silk Cut left behind by the leading trio over a 7.350-miles described by the watch leader, Gordon Maguire, as "the most bizarre leg I have ever seen" was etched on the faces of all the 12-man crew.

As they sailed into the quiet of the early morning at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, they were plainly fortified by the knowledge that they had a good boat, had sailed well, knew what needed to be done next time and that there were eight more races in the series to go. Yet the emotions were still strained.

If Smith and the others were subdued it was understandable. Before they arrived there bad been stories of hig winds, power boses upending the crew, smashed gear and treacherous conditions in the southern ocean. This was a different world to the one which they had inhabited for the

previous 32 days. The first was a low maintenance leg, they said. Even on the big day, when they set the best 24-hour run of 412 miles, it was in 25 to 30 knots of wind. "Physically," said Smith, "it was a very easy leg. Mentally it was

very frustrating." The British boat has seen the equivalent of the top three streaming through every light at green, whereas for them and the rest of the Whitbread fleet there was red light after red af-

ter red. Some of the problem was, said Smith, that they had taken the wrong mix of sails because the conditions were not what they had expected. What made it more galling was seeing Paul Cayard, first into Cape Town in EF Language. using to such good effect a design of sail in which they had jointly taken part in development, but which they had left at home.

Mainly, however, they had been sidelined by weather systems which, as all the first three crews in have attested, consistently made the rich richer.

Maguire added: "Everything about the way we set up for this leg was conservative and we got a conservative result. I think we will be less conservative as we go on."

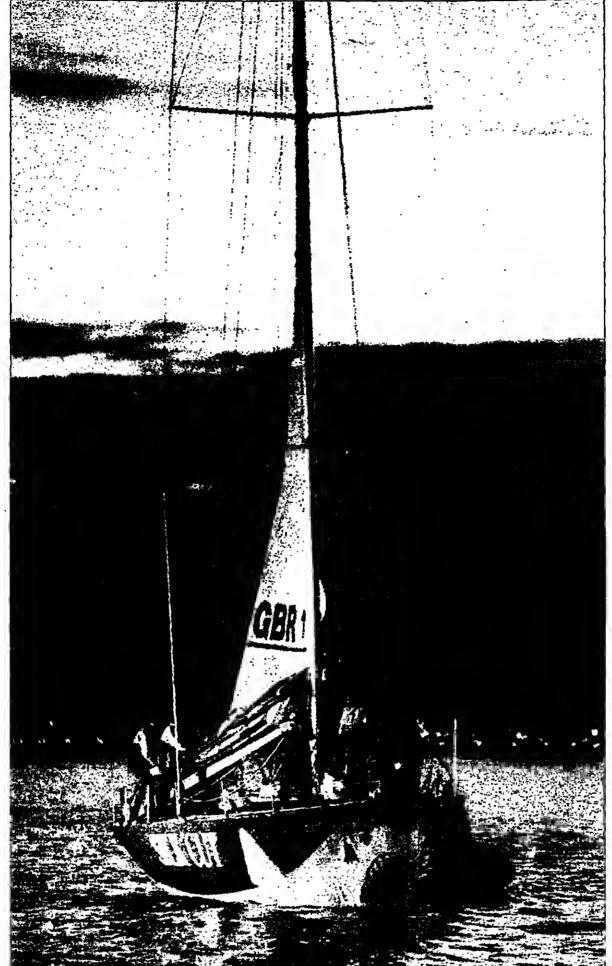
The Silk Cut crew still rate Grant Dalton's Merit Cup as one of the top three in the fleet, but both Smith and Maguire were less sure if Cayard could keep up the momentum which delivered victory so band-

somely in the first leg. "I'm quite sure the three boats that beat us won't finish in the top three on every leg. Smith said. "I know when we were in good breeze we ran more miles than anyone else." They had that breeze for only one and a half days and in 24 hours of them, they covered 412.7 miles.

As well as a completely different mix of sails for the next leg to Fremantle, which starts on 8 November, Smith will also be laking more food. "I think across the crew we

have lost about 100kg," said Smith, but they will be assessing very carefully the amount of gear they take to cover any breakdowns. "One mislake was probably taking too much spare kit," he added.

"We have spent the last week thinking about where we go from here," Maguire said. "I think having to settle for fourth this time could he inspirational. I am very pleased with the way the boys worked. Team spirit is stronger than any I have seen on a Whitbread boat."



The crew of Silk Cut stow their sails as they slip into Cape Town yesterday morning

Minardi driven to change their pointless existence in Formula One

While all eyes will be on Jacques Villeneuve and Michael Schumacher in their duel for the world drivers' championship on Sunday, Minardi-Hart will be engaged in their own private battle. Derick Allsop looks at the grand prix team whose only desire is to achieve a point.

A season of toil and tension has brought it all down to this, a last-race test, and the Italian team will summon one more effort to achieve a long clusive objective. And their struggle will go almost unnoticed.

While the eyes of the world focus on those other Italians at Ferrari, and Michael Schumacher's deciding confrontation with the Williams-Renault dri-

Grand Prix of Europe at Jerez on Sunday, Minardi-Hart's agenda provides a sobering aside for all sporting romantics.

Minardi are endeavouring to avoid the dubious distinction of being the only Formula One team to complete the season without a point. As a matter of fact, they have not scored a point for two years, since Pedro Lamy's sixth place in the final grand prix of the 1995 championship. The team have come nowhere near winning from 204 attempts in 13 seasons.

Given that they have a staff of 80 against the 200 and 300strong armies of the leading teams, and a budget which amounts to small change compared with Ferrari's riches. their track record is scarcely surprising. Minardi might be Italian for minnow,

In reality, it is the name of the founder and perpetual guiding light. Their plight, how-

ver Jacques Villeneuve, in the ever, prompts a question for Gian Carlo Minardi: wbat keeps you going on? The response is equally obvious: "My passion for the sport".



Katayama: quitting FI

Like any other sport, Formula One has winners to be shol at, and losers who dream. Like almost every other Italian, Minardi has a passion for football as well as motor racing. He is president of his local semi- to his voice and expressions." professional club, Faenza, who a team spokesman said. have won the first seven games of their season and aspire to

Italy's Serie C. Points in the premier league of four-wheel combat are more difficult to come by. Apart from limited resources, Minardi have had a few linguistic obstacles to overcome.

Their senior driver, the mildly eccentric Japanese Ukyo Katayama, and his Italian engineers bave communicated in pigeon English, and in the heat of battle, radio messages from cockpit to pits have taken some deciphering. For all that, and his unfath-

omable excursions off the track, Minardi insist they are sorry that Katayama is turning his back on Formula One after Sunday's race to climb Mount Everest without the aid of oxygen. They will miss his experience as well as his idiosyncrasies: "We have got used them all. Minardi concedes a

Katayama bas been embraced by this homely enviconment and Minardi, the team's 50-year-old father figure. takes a personal interest in every member of his family. At race meetings, he asks his younger mechanics whether they have telephoned their par-

He bas a reputation for being a talent spotter. Some of Italy's brightest drivers, including Alessandro Nannini and Giancarlo Fisichella, were nurtured by Minardi.

Bul Minardi says modestly: "I don't believe you can give a driver talent, all you can do is give him the opportunity to develop it, and some teams take higger risks than others."

The wealthier teams can, of course, afford to hire proven talent and in Italy the only other team is the wealthiest of lack of English has undermined his position at Formula One's ruthless negotiating table, and every year he has had to blow half his budget on

Next year, however, his cars will be powered by Ford V10 engines, and he is confident his entire package and programme will be better prepared. For the first time, be will have a designated test team.

Minardi has yielded majority shareholding in the team to secure a sounder foundation. He now has only a 15 per cent stake, while 70 per cent has been taken by Gabriele Rumi, boss of Fondmetal, the successful manufacturers of alloy wheels.

The Brazilian, Tarso Marques, will be the other driver at the wheel of Minardi's fortunes at Jerez on Sunday, but the team admit they are not optimistic of winning that

provide warm-up test for England Sweden before losing beavily to

England's preparation for France 98 will begin with a match against Cameroon at Wembley on 15 November. Glenn Moore looks at the Africans' pedigree and rounds up other World Cup news, for next year and 2006.

If Glenn Hoddle really wanted to test his young lions' character, England would be taking on the Indomitable Lions in Yaounde but economics - and Premiership managers - dictate a Wembley date for England's first World Cup warm-up.

It is still a good fixture which recognises the strides made by African nations over the last 15 years and the impact Hoddle expects them to have on next year's World Cup finals. As well as the match with Cameroon on 15 November, be is also considering a fixture with Nigeria in February, although Colombia and Uruguay are also in contention for that date.

Cameroon, although they disappointed in America in 1998, are a capable side who came to global attention in Italia '90 when they defeated the holders, Argentina, Romania and Colombia to reach the quarter-finals. They then led England 2-I with eight minutes to go before losing to two Gary Lineker penalties. This followed a creditable display in Spain in 1982 when they drew with Italy, Poland and Peru but did not qualify for the second stage. They were thus eclipsed by Algeria, whose defeat of West Germany first announced

African football's arrival. Cameroon did not qualify in 1986 and were overshadowed in 1994 (when they drew with

Brazil and Russia) by Nigeria who thrashed Bulgaria and were two minutes from knocking out Italy. However, they easily qualified as one of five African representatives in France, being unbeaten against Zimbabwe, Angola and Togo.

Cameroon no longer have Roger Milla - even he had to retire eventually - but they do have a flamboyant goalkeeper, Deportivo La Coruna's Jacques Songo'o. The 33-year-old went to 1990 and 1994 but played just once - the 6-1 defeat lo Russia in San Francisco, He has since overcome the challenge of the Czech Republic's Petr Kouba at club level to be voted La Liga's top goalkeeper last year. In attack, Cameroon bave Patrick Mboma, currently starring for

Gamba Osaka in Japan. The Saturday match at Wembley will kick-off at 6pm. Ticket prices, as is common for friendlies, are slightly lower than for recent World Cup games.

While England are preparing for France, Italy are still still trying to get there and Cesare Maldini yesterday made a significant change in his squad for the first play-off match with Russia in Moscow next week. have qualified for four of the Fabrizio Ravanelli, now playing Marseilles, is back with Filippo Inzaghi dropped. Angelo Di Livio is suspended after being sent off against England, but Roberto Di Matteo returns.

Looking two tournaments hence, the Football Association yesterday floated the idea of playing some World Cup 2006 matches in Wales and Scotland if England won the bid. Cardiff Arms Park, Hampden Park, Ibrox, Celtic Park and Murrayfield are under consideration.

However, since the initial reaction from Fifa, the game's governing body, was unfavourable, the idea may be dropped as swiftly as it was raised.

NON-LEAGUE NOTEBOOK

Tiverton stand between Sudbury and place in the sun

Town had embarked on an FA Cup run which saw them achieve the best result in their history: a first-round replay win at Brighton and Hove Albion. They went on to give a good account of themselves in a 3-1 second-round defeat to Brentford.

Sudbury also had a steady season in the Premier Division of the Dr Martens League the highest level they had reached in the non-League pyramid. Prosperity and progress were an illusion, however, as the Suffolk side's world fell apart in the summer. A financial crisis meant a voluntary drop down two division to take the place of their reserve team in the Jewson East-

ern League. "It was something that had to be done, and we had to release several contract players," David Webb, Sudbury's secretary, said, "But things are looking up. We're on an unbeaten run of 13 games, and gates have held up well."

Now Sudbury are starting the long climb back up the non-League ladder. Their status may be diminished, but they are still a solid Cup-fighting side, and tomorrow they will be bat-

This time last year Sudbury tling for their second consecutive appearance in the first round of the FA Cup.

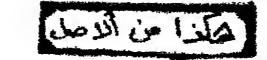
Sudbury have been drawn against a team from the same level of the non-League pyramid in tomorrow's fourth qualifying round - but that does not mean they have an easy tie.

They must travel to Devon to take on Tiverton Town, the champions of the Screwfix Direct Western League, whose league record this term in defence of their title reads played nine, won nine, goals for against one.

Both clubs have been all the way to Wembley for FA Vase finals - Sudbury in 1989, Tiverton four years later - and, despite their humble league level, neither club will be overawed if they are paired with a Nationwide League side in the first-round draw.

Knypersley Victoria, probably the smallest club left in the FA Cup, have a home tie tomorrow against Boston. United, while North Ferriby United, last season's beaten Vase finalists, travel to Southport in search of an upset. The draw for the first round will be lelevised live by Sky Sports soon after 5pm lomorrow.

- Rupert Metcalf



Henman not at home with range

Not all the sparkle is reserved for the posh arena at the Eurocard Open, as John Roberts discovered in Stuttgart yesterday. Tim Henman raised his game off centre stage, but not enough to overcome Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman.

The setting may have been remmiscent of the final of a satellite tournament, but the match was of the highest quality as Tim Henman strove unsuccessfully to overcome Sweden's Jonas Biorkman yesterday for a place in the quarter-finals of the Eurocard Open.

wrong with the dimensions or the surface of the Grandstand Court bere, and the ambience Henman at every opportunity, yould be all too familiar to British players serving their apprenticeship. Henman, who has gone beyond that, simply found it difficult to adjust from the spacious Centre Court in the Schleyerhalle to the homely barn next door.

"I struggled with the surroundings to begin with in the first set," the 23 year-old from Oxford said after losing in the third round, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. "I couldn't sort of judge the distance. The peripberal vision is a little bit different. I felt very enclosed."

Fortunately, Henman's sense of claustrophobia disaprared as a fascinating contest unfolded, Bjorkman's early superiority drawing rather more from Henman's repertoire than had been seen in his previous matches this week against a blossoming Tommy Haas and a bad-tempered Goran Ivanisevic.

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Trailing 4-1, Henman endeavoured to prolong the opening set, "so I could get a 'feel', and get my range off the ground and be ready to go in the second set." He also managed to steady his serve, having missed every first delivery when broken a second time in

what fifth game. Work still needs to be done in this department. Henman double-faulted nine times, bringing his total to 24 for the three matches. However, his general play and confidence bad improved so markedly by the end of the match that be showed his disappointment at

losing by slumping in his chair and cracking his racket. "Sure. I broke a racket, but the world still goes round," he said, his mind turning towards the next event in Paris.

Bjorkman, ranked six places above Henman at No 13 in the world, has much to challenge him between now and the end nf the season, not least leading his country against the United States in the Davis Cup final in Gothenburg. Swedish observers must have gasped when the trainer was summoned to treat Bjorkman's back after the third game. His shot-making thereafter suggested an encouraging degree of mobility.

Greg Rusedski defeated Bjorkman in the semi-fioals of the United States Open, the Briton's serving proving too hot There is absolutely nothing on the day for the Swede's renowned returns.

Bjorkman, keen to attack might have won in straight sets yesterday but for the quick eye of the umpire. The Swede, believing he had held serve for 4-4 in the second set, was told to continue the game by the umpire, who assured him that Henman's cross-court backband on game point had landed on the line. Henman subsequently broke for 5-3, and the spectators were guaranteed further entertainment.

Bjorkman made the crucial break for 3-1 in the final set, creating the opportunity with a superb running backhand down the line and converting it with a forehand pass.

In the main arena, meanwhile, the top seeds continued to suffer. Pete Sampras, the world No 1, was climinated, 6-4, 6-4, by Richard Krajicek, who in 1996 denied the American a fourth consecutive Wimbledon title.

Pat Rafter (No 3) and Marcelo Rios (No 9) are the only survivors from the top 10. And with Sampras, Michael Chang and Rafter the only players guaranteed places in the eight-strong ATP Tour Championship next month, the race for Hannover continues.

 Australia's Mark Philippoussis has pulled out of next week's Paris indoor tournament because of a painful shoulder. Steffi Graf has confirmed her entry for the maugural Masters of Champions event in Frankfurt next month. Graf, the former world No 1, has been out of action after a knee operation.



Cleveland's Sandy Alomar snaps his bat In the fourth innings in game four of the World Series

BASEBALL: WORLD SERIES

Wright has the bite to freeze out Marlins

ries had all the elements: snow, wind, record cold and a rejuvenated Matt Williams. Williams and Manny Ramirez hit bome runs as the Cleveland Indians beat the Florida Marlins 10-3 to even the Series at 2-2 on Wednesday night.

On an evening when snow flurries fell at Jacob's Field and one fan behind the Indians dug-out, beld a sign that proclaimed "Nut In Our Igloo", the only thing that accumulated were runs by the Indians. Sandy Alomar bad three of the Indians' 15 hits

suring the Series will return to Miami this weekend.

It was 3C at the start, making it the coldest since World Series temperatures were first recorded in 1975. and snow fell for the first time in the Fall Classic since 1979 at Baltimore, The weather, though, had little impact on this game as the Indians took a 6-0 lead after three innings, and 21-year-old Jaret Wright made it stand up.

"That was important - to get going early in the game."
Williams said. "That goes

breaking batsman.

pact with Kent last season.

Phil Tufnell will today face

a disciplinary panel at Lord's

to explain his failure to provide

a sample to Sports Council

drugs testers during Middle-

sex's final Championship

match of the season. The spin-

ner says he simply forgot that

he had been randomly chosen.

ing to England in 1998.

Game Four of the World Se- and drove in three runs, en- back to putting pressure on the other team. That was huge. That set the tone from the beginning."

Wright outpitched Tony Saunders in a mateb-up of rookie starters as the Indians won before a hundled-up crowd of 44,877. "We didn't get off on the

right foot," the Marlins manager, Jim Leyland, said. "We made a little run there. We just couldn't stop the bleeding. I was very impressed with Jaret Wright. He's got all the ingredients to be a great

Williams' two-run homer in the eighth made sure the Marlins would not come back. The All-Star third baseman hit just .125 in the 1989 Series for San Francisco and was 4 for 14 in this Series without an extra base hit. Alomar, a bero in a Game Two, is 8 for

17 in the Series. Despite the Indians setting franchise post-season record for hits, Marquis Grissom had none. He went 0 for 4 and ended his 15-game hitting streak, two short of the World Series record beld by Hank Bauer.

CRICKET

Lara back for Warwickshire

Brian Lara has confirmed that be will be returning to Warwickshire next season, despite recent speculation that be was baving second thoughts about another year at Edgbaston.

Warwickshire's chief executive, Dennis Amiss, said: "Brian was always coming to us and be said be doesn't know where the rumours came from We hope to get a contract to him in the next month. Brian indicated that be expects to be available to us at the end of April."

The West Indies Cricket B Board have yet to publish their fixture list and Warwickshire may take the precaution of inserting a get-out clause in their Weather smiles on seamers

Wonderful to relate, the pitch contract with the recordbere for the first Test between Nottinghamshire are lining Pakistan and South Africa, up the Zimbabwe leg spinner starting this morning, bas a fair covering of grass, not dried or Paul Strang as their overseas player for the next two seasons. dead grass rolled into the Strang, who made a big im- baked mud service, but living tufts of grass with more than became Nottinghamshire's top target after Shane Warne announced that he was not combeen talking about fielding

> first if they win the toss. Sheikhupura, the ill-fated venue for the second Test, is, on a good day, only 90 minutes down the road and the rain which had not fallen there bad mostly come to Faisalabad. Also, the Pakistan board have instructed groundsmen to pre

pare pitches which will produce results. The man in charge here has done his best and be promised be would not be taking off any more grass.

It promises to be a fascinating battle between Wasim Akram, Wagar Younis and just a modicum of greenness. Azhar Mahmood for Pakistan At the team rucetings last and Allan Donald, Shaun Polnight, both captains will have lock and Lance Klusener for South Africa.

The Pakistan selectors bave decided to bring back Aamir Schail, who is not popular since his accusations of matchfixing and bas an abrasive manner. But he made a century 100 against South African in a three-day game at Peshawar.

--- Henry Blofeld, Faisalabad

ATHLETICS

Ma's women attack records

China's Jiang Bo took annther three seconds nff the women's 5,000 metres world record yesterday, the second time in a week a new mark has been set in the event at the China National Games.

The 20-year-old Jiang recorded 14:28.09 in the final at the Games, beating the mark of 14:31.27 set by Dong Yanmei on Tuesday.

The women's performances this week have catapulted the controversial coach, Ma Junren. back into the limelight.

"Our coach uses a scientific method, and has already trained world champions," Jiang said after her victory. "Achieving this result is a result

of his experience." Ma's runners burst on to the athletics scene by shattering several middle-distance records before the outspoken coach fell out with key team members and sport officials.

Sensational record-setting performances by his team in Olympics two years later.

1993 - including the 1500, 3,000 and t0,000 metres at the World Championships in Stuttgart-led to accusations of drug abuse.

Ma said his athletes' success was due to hard work, turtle's hlood and caterpillar fungus, and hlamed western media for the drug-taking rumours.

Jiang said no specific strategy for breaking the record had been devised by Ma. "He just wanted the record broken, he didn't say which one uf us, or how many of us should do it."

Ma said that Jiang and Dong, 17, would be ready to take gold at the Sydney Olympics. "I want to assure all the Chinese people that my runners can win at least three gold medals in Sydney Olympics."

The women's 10,000m and 3,000m records are held by Ma's former protegée, Wang Junxia, who hroke away from her mentor in 1994. She won the 5,000m gold at the Atlanta

BOXING

Hamed criticised after fracas

Leading figures in boxing today joined to urge Naseem Hamed to tone down his act, following his fracas with Chris Eubank at Heathrow Airport on Wednesday night.

Hamed and Eubank came to hlows when Eubank arrived at the airport for a meeting with the promoter of both fighters, Frank Warren. The British Board of Control seem unlikely to fine either man, but they can expect "tough warnings" from the ruling body, according

to its secretary, John Morris. Hamed has come in for considerable criticism from within the sport. The former world featherweight champion and president of the Professional McGuigan, said: "It was a battle of egos, I'm sure that's what it was. Boxing's a proud sport, everyone wants to be known as the top dog, as it were. I think Naz's PR wants a hit of work. there's no doubt about that.

"He doesn't need to be so arrogant. He's a nice kid, a good kid, that's the thing about it. He just feels he has to make an impression and I suppose after a while people will get tired of it, the press will get tired of it, and even his fans will get tired of it."

The former heavyweight Henry Cooper said: "He is cocky, but I suppose all world champions have it. But that doesn't excuse their behaviour, I haven't got any time for fighters baving Boxers' Association, Barry punch-ups outside the ring,"

RUGBY UNION

Pontypridd want 'protection'

Pontypridd are to ask Brive for they leave the field at the end Phil John and Andre Barnard of their Heineken European will be allowed to return to Cup quarter-final play-off in France on I November.

When the sides met in Brive in September, the Pontypridd players were surrounded by several hundred bome fans at the final whistle.

"Brive have assured us we will be offered a good welcome in a spirit of friendship," Eddie Jones, the team manager, said. "But we will be discussing the security arrangements for our players before we travel."

Pontypridd are also hoping to "protection" for their players as find out whether Dale McIntosh, Brive after they were charged with violent conduct and criminal damage after incidents in a bar following the first match.

> Wales could be watched by the biggest crowd in their history when they take on New Zealand at Wembley on 29 November. Advance sales have already hit 40,000, with officials optimistic of reaching the 75,000 capacity, even though England play South Africa at Twickenham on the same day.

SPORTING DIGEST

American football

The Dalizs Cowboys' Daryl Johnston has decided to have neck surgery and will not play for the rest of the sea-son. The full-back, who missed his first game for eight years on Sunday, risked paralysis if he continued to play be-cause of a bulging disc in his neck.

WORLD SERIES: Cleveland 10 Florida 8 (Best-of-seven heries tied 2-2).

Cricket Matthew Maynard sets out for New Zealand on Monday on a fact-finding mission to determine whether England invest in promoting a new format of cricket in this country. The Glamorgan captain, who led his country to the Championship for the first time since 1969 last month, leads an England side in a three-match Cricket Max senies against New Zealand Devised by formar New Zealand betsman Martin Willows, Cricket Max is a 20-overs a side game lasting three and a half hours accompanied by coloured clothing and music to great each batsman arriving at the wicket. and sets out for New

man arriving at the wickel.

Cycling

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WORLD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Bognor Regis): IT Sman & J. Part bt A Warring
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Mason & S. Raw 6-5; J. Lowe & C. Lazzenenko
bt R. Barneveld & R. Scholten 6-2; P. Lim &
R. Gardner bt S. Burgess & G. Stoddarf 6-4. Durritur Popescu, the Romenian tenc-ing team trainer, stabbed in the chest with an epide in a training accident, yestenday blamed the accident on a tack offunding for his sport. "My equip-ment was too old and didn't offer any protection." Popescu said.

Arsenal this afternoon allowed \$2.3 Arsenal this anternoon allowed 223 million winger Glerin Helder to go home to the Netherlands and join NAC Breda for an "undisclosed fee". The former Dutch international was the test signing made at Highbury by George Graham in February 1995. He bought him from Vitesse Arnhem, but Helder hee felled to gene a place in Arsahe failed to earn a place in Arsène Wenger's plans.

Wenger's plans.
Central defender Pilchard Jobson made a successful comeback in Leeds' reserves on Wednesday night after a year sidelined by lines ligament damage. Jobson replaced Piobert Molensar effer 70 minutes of the 2-2 draw with Sheffield United in the Pontins League Cup.

this League Cup.
Middlestrough have suffered another injury blow with Slovaldan international full-back Vladimir Kinder ruled out for a month efter he tore a hamstring in the closing mirrutes of the 4-1 First Division win at Oxford on Tues-

Huddersfield have signed midfielder Lee Richardson from Olcham for 265,000.

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Alan Cork, the new Swensea manager, is poised to make Wycombe midfielder John Comforth his first signing ahead of tomorrow's Nationwide Trad Division visit to bottom club Doncaster, Cork is close to a £85,000 deal for the former Swens captain.

WEDNSDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Erropean Cup Chempions' Leegue Group & For Knate Prayse a Galetansary of Group & For Knate Prayse a Galetansary of Group & For Knate Onworks 1 Man Und 2 (Scholes 32, Irwin pen 72) Feyerson'd 1 (Vos 83). Group C: Dinamo (Sey a Barcelona 0, PSV Enchown 1 Newcastle II Group D: Real Madrid 5 Olympiatos Fo 1, Rosentong Bt. 2 For Ondrup E: Bayern Munich 5 Paris St Germain 1, Sesticias 1 For Gathenburg 0 Group F: AS Monaco 6 Llares SK 1, Sporting Lisbon 0 Bayer Leverlussen 2, Lette Cup Second round first leg: Rept/Vernas Stoeger pen 45 Schoettel 64 Panisa St) Second on 53) Wanteledon (Dally 9) 70, Nationwide Football Lesgue Division One: Charlton 1 (Mandona 65) Enright (Balace 65) Worthing 13) Man City 0 Stoke 1 (Walace 65), Wolverhampton 2 (Publison 5, Fredman 1) 7 Franciers (Jones 65). Division

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all Town 1; Haltern 2 Ossett Town 1
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pare), Awon Insurance Combination First
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ENGLAND UNDER-13 SQUAD (V 14358), CSKA Stafum, Moscow, 26 Crichoe): M Ball (Everton), A Campbell (Middlesbrugh), R Cooper (Nother Forest), C Dudley (Notice County), D Dunn (Blackburn), S Haslam (Sheff Wed), R Hulbert (Swindor), S Johnson (Crewe), L listithews (Leeds), K Nicholls (Chaffon), A Crimerod (Michelsbrugh), P Robinson (Leeds), S Stanceser (Tenners), M Baylor (Sacdburn), M Upson (Arasnel), J Woodgste (Leeds).

Golf
OKI PRO-AM (La Morateja Number Ons and Number Two courses, Madrid) First round scores (GB or in univers stated): Number One Courses; SF Roca (Sp. 1) Rivero (Sp.) 68 P McGinley 67 A Birechi (R.) J Lomas, P Linhart (Sp.), M Compbel (AZ.), M A Jimerez (Sp.), G Cark, 68 M Priceo (Sp.), M Horicil (In 89 G Erreson, P Spland (Svit), II Gélord, P Baker, II Cooper, 70 M Gondong (Swit), H Clarit, M Ribe, P Fulis (Swit), T7 I Gamtido (Sp.), M James, P Lawris, J-M Canizares (Sp.), R Muriz (Ned), S Arnes (Ri), W Ribe, P Ribe, M Martin (Sp.), S Ballestens (Sp.), W Ribe, M Martin (Sp.), S Ballestens (Sp.), M Martin (Sp.), S Ballestens (Sp.)

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Editurid (Swe), 78 fl McCrariere, J Cuiros (Sp), 77 fl Cheprann, M Farry (Fr), Restract (G Genricio (Sp))

EJROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR'S ESTORIL GRAND FINAL, Obstract, Portugal): Leading first-round scomes (CB or in unless stated): 84 fl Carer (Sp) T Level (Fr) O Editorio (Fr), 67 f Parge (Swe), A Calleon, H Nyeston (Swe), F Can (Sp), M Beckfansson (Den), 68 f Cupillard (Fr), W T Restraction (Fr), T Restraction (Fr), M Brief (Aut), D Lyrn, F Lindgrand (Swe), J Eckerton, M Restraction (Fr), C Heinite (USA), E Straigh (Ger), M Josefandes (Fr), C Heinite (USA), E Straigh (Ger).

Hockey meny to Olympic gold in 1972, died of cancer yesterday at the age of 48.

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of years since parallel statom sking was included on the World Cup circuit. The season opens today in Tignes with last season's too 32 men and 32 women eligible for the head-tohead elimination competition over two runs. The winners of each race advance to the next round on a glacier more than 10,000 feet above sea level.

Peter made a record 261 appearances for his country from 1969 to 1964, the last Germany's defeat by Pakistan in the Los Angeles Olympics final.

Motorcycling German motorcyte m menty known as MZ, will challenge the mighty Japanese manufacturers in the 500cc world championship from next year, a spoissman for the company said yesterday, it will be the first time that a German menufacturer will com-pete in motorcycling's most prestigicus class since BMW in the late 1950s.

POOIS NEWS
DIVIDEND FORECAST FOR LITTLE-WOODS MIDWEEK: Pools Half-Time: 3
SCOTS Draws: 10, 21, 35 18. No-Scots
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27, 28, 30, 38, 38, 49 Dividend Forecast:
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3, 10, 18, 21, 32, 23, 35, 37, 5, No-Scots
Draws: 4, 6, 12, 15, 30, Dividend Forecast:
Cond.

Rugby Union Newport's promising young lock lan Gough has opted to play for Wales rather than try for a cap with Ireland. The 20-year-old forward has turned down an Invitation to play for the Irish Exiles against Munster in Limerick on Sunday despite having attended a training session of the Extles in London last weekend.

Harlequine lock Gareth Liew Wates most capped forward, will lead the Wates A side against New Zealand at Pontypridd on 11 November. Scotland scrum-half Bryan Recpath has pulled out of the Scotlish Borders side for their European qualifying tour-

nament match against Glasgow at nament metch against Glasgow at Selicit tonight.

WALES A'v New Zeniand at Pontypricid on 11 November): M Back (Swaneos): G Evens. (Lanell). N Boobyer (Lunell). J. Lewis. Pon-typricid. D James (Pontypricid): B Heyward (Ebbw Veil, A Moore (Fortmond): A Lewis (Cardit), G Jentikine (Swaneos). C Authory Swaneos (Gridgers), M Spiller (Pontypricid). M Williams (Pontypricid). C Wyelf, [James]. Be-placements: H Herries (Harlequin). L. Jamis (Cardit). N Byrnon (Portypricid). R McBayde (Larnell). C Quinnell (Fichmond). D Thomas (Swaneos).

Spooker Snooker and billiards officials have spread a new sponsorship deal with Embassy, who is to sponsor the world ranking lists for both sports. Any outstanding achievements will be recognised by a special award from

A new initiative to help raise the pro-file of lacies' snooker was launched by the sports world governing body in Bournemouth this afternoon. The ladies' game has declined in popularity since golden girl Alison Fisher de-fected to American pool and a lu-crative new career in the States.
"We must try and keep our best play-ers in Britain," Piex Williams, chairman of the World Professional Billiards and

WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN OPEN (Mail-bourne) First round: S Fitz-Gerald (Aust bt N Grainger (SA) 9-3 9-3 9-10 10-8; O Owens (Aus) bt NTpent (Aus) 9-0 9-1 9-0; L Irving (Aus) bt J Transfield (GB) 6-3 9-

Snooker SOURNEMOUTH GRAND PRIX: M Stevens (Value) bt.J Perrott (Engl 5-4. Swimming

Outspoken anti-drugs campaigner Forbes Cartlle has called on swim-mings governing body to exclude Chi-na from next year's world championships. The veteran Australian coach has accused the Chinese of chestical following the article him. of cheating following the astonishing results of their women swimmers at the National Games in China.

Tennis EUROCARD OPEN (Stuttgert) Singles there round: M Rice (Crit) by Y Karlenkov (Rus) 7-6-63; R Krailcek (Neth) bt P Semprus (US) 6-4 6-4; P Reflet (Aus) bt II Princel (Ger) 3-6 6-2 8-1; J Bjorionen (Swe) bt T Hennen (GB) 8-2-6-6-3; P Korde (Cz Rep) bt C Plothe (Fr) 6-3 refred.

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BELL CHALLENGE WOMEN'S TOUR-NAMENT (Quebec City): First round: N Ruzlet (F) bt C Cristea (Rom) 5-1 6-7 6-3. Second round: B Schutz-McCarty (Neth) bt S Leyeseeten (Carr) 6-4 6-1; L Reymond (US) bt F Lubieni (It) 6-3 6-7 6-4; C Rubin (US) bt P Hy-Boutsia (Carr) 8-3 6-4; J Westersbe (US) bt A Frazier (US) 8-3 2-6 6-4; C Montriu (US) bt L Golerse (It) 6-0 2-6 6-1. 2-6 6-1
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U21 v USA Women's U21: A Walnwright lost
to M Cartiele White 6-3 5-7 4-6, A James bt
W Lisho 6-1 4-6 6-3. Chinas Cui Wennua lifted a world record 2005 kg in the snatch on his way to winning the men's 108-kg class title at the National Gamesin Shanghai yesterday. Cui battered the previous world mark of 200 kg set

Weightlifting

TODAY'S FIXTURES Footbal Reading v Notim Forest (7.45) _ THIRD DIVISION FA CHALLENGE CUP Fourth Room Dunitying: Staines Town v Margate FAI Harp Lager National League Pre-mier Division: Shamrock Rovers v St Patricks Athletic. Rugby Union and Inter District CHAMPI Other sports DARTS: World Pairs Char (Bognor Regis)

SPEEDWAY: Young Shield, Semi-final second leg: Edhburgh v Long Eaton Individual: Champions Chess, Arens Essex (80). Southern Track Riders' Open Championship, Oxford (745).

ON WEDNESDAY IT WAS THEM.

Draw date: 22/10/97. The winning numbers: 1, 8, 9, 14, 24, 35. Bonua numbar: 33. Total Salas: £28,424,236. Prize Fund: £12,790,906 (45% of tickel sales).

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Match 4	25,940	£86	£1,705,440
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In the event of any discrepancy in the above, the data contained in Camelot control computer system shall pro-

James under threat as Liverpool line up £2m Friedel

The Liverpool manager, Roy Evans, appears to have lost patience with his goalkeeper David James, with the Merseyside club lining up a £2m bid for a replacement, Brad Friedel

Liverpool have applied for a work permit for the American, and may get an answer as early as today. Friedel's talents have attracted English clubs before - with Newcastle and Sunderland showing interest at different times - but the work

Liverpool are confident they will succeed this time, and if they do Friedel can expect to be playing first-team football in the immediate future since a spell in the reserves would jeopardise any permit being renewed.

Friedel, 27, has been playing for the Colombus Crew in Major Soccer League in the United States, but with his team having been knocked out of the play-offs would be available immediately. The fee would be permit has proved a stumbling paid to the League itself. It is

and is ready to sign a four-year contract with the club.

Friedel has experience playing in Europe, in Turkey for Galatasaray in Turkey when they were coached by Graeme Souness. The Department of the Environment confirmed yesterday: "We have a work permit application in for Friedel."

James' erratic form in the Liverpool goal has caused consternation among Liverpool fans for some time now, and understood that Friedel bas al- there was a period during last

ready agreed personal terms season when his bloomers came to act. Yesterday he also felt the at the rate of at least one a need to stamp out speculation match. At the time Evans stood "What's the point of me by his player in the face of intense criticism, but despite a

> slightly more encouraging start to this season there was plenty of evidence of the old failings in James' displays in Liverpool's two poor performances this week: against Everton last Saturday and in Strasbourg in the Uefa Cup on Tuesday night. With Evans himself under intense scrutiny after those

that he may be about to quit.

walking away?" he told Clubcall. "I get paid to do the job and I'll see it through." The Football Association has

defended its decision to entrust the referee Mike Reed with Monday's game between West Ham and Leicester following the comments of the chairman of Leicester's supporters' club.

Reed enraged many of defeats clearly he felt it was time Leicester's supporters last sea-

son when he awarded Chelsea a disputed penalty in an FA Cup fifth round replay at Stamford Bridge. Reed's car was attacked by fans after that game and the FA withdrew him from offici-

match against Chelsea in April. Reed's latest appointment at Filbert Street was described as "madness" by the supporters' club chairman, Cliff Ginetta.

ating at Leicester's Premiership

"It's a crazy situation," be said. "I can't believe the FA are willing to take such a risk. It just shows what a lot of old buffoons

they are. It's madness. It defies belief and common sense. You would think Mike Reed is the one man they want to keep away from Leicester."

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "It's never been suggested by anyone at Leicester that be shouldn't referee their games. Mike Reed has been asked to officiate and that is what he will do."

The Football League, meanwhile, has decided that out-of-contract players of 24 years of age and over will be en-

next summer, in line with the Premier League. Players under. the qualifying age or still under contract will still be subject

to a fee. The Newcastle defender Philippe Albert has refused to postpone his retirement from international football despite earning a recall to the Belgian squad for next week's World Cup play-off first leg against the Republic of Ireland.

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Piggott turns back the clock as he saddles up again in the cause of charity

Little about Lester Piggott has changed over the years, certainly neither his popularity nor his appearance, as Richard Edmondson saw at Wincanton yesterday.

Lester Piggott was back in the saddle at Wincanton's charity day yesterday and, to his credit, he did not flinch when the gavel came down at the racecourse auction. It was 10 years to the day that Lestet Keith Piggott's name had reverberated around the panelled walls of Ipswicb Crown Court as the greatest jockey of his time was sent down for three years on tax charges.

The Long Fellow was handcuffed to a fellow felon and loaded into the prison bus for Norwich, where at least he was spared the indignity of sewing sacks together. Instead, the bags came to him as supportive correspondence arrived from around the world.

Indiscretions bave never damaged Piggott's popularity (his illegitimate son Jamie was also on parade yesterday) and the Somerset racecourse was awash with wellwishers. Lester, 62 in two weeks' time, emerged in the blue and grey colours of his parading partner, Desert Orchid. He appeared lined and drawn and grey, which shows bow well he has aged. He looked like that 30 years ago.

Dessie himself is no chicken these days and, as be reaches 19, his coat has turned whiter than milk. One of his legs has also turned a bit funny hut the old borse was still



Enduring favourites: Lester Piggott rode Desert Orchid in a charity flat race at Wincanton yesterday

able to break into a canter. Lester has been fastet on a iumper at Wincanton. The first of his 20 National Hunt winners

came here in 1953 on Eldoret. They paraded with fellow equestrians Nick Skelton and Mould. Anna Ludlow, Lester's former personal assistant, led round their four-year-old offspring on Cabby.

On his return, Piggott signed autographs and then danced past the old foe. "Lester can we have a quick word," the Stroller's old friend, Marian

press pack asked. "Yes," said Lester as be disappeared into the jockey's room and for a long time it appeared that was the quick word be had in mind. But he emerged to detail what a pleasure it bad been to be in

contact with another living

legend. "He [Dessie] had a bad leg recently, but he seems tremendous," Piggott said. "He gave me a marvellous-feel."

Lester never gives us much, a trait he seems to have passed through the chromosomes. Apparently the crowd was fortunate to get such a protract-ed look at Jamie. "We were lucky today because he usually gets off after five minutes," said his father as be too left the scene, perhaps with more taxing things on his mind.

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Kinnear lights up after a bright display at Derby

Wimbledon's Crazy Gang may he long gone but their determined resilience against an inform Derby ensured they secured a deserved point from their replayed Premiership match at Pride Park on Wednesday.

The first encounter on 13 August - the first League match at Derby's new stadium ended prematurely when the floodlights failed.

But Wimbledon are rarely outwitted twice in succession and without such experienced and cultured campaigners as Stefano Eranio, Robin Van Der Laan and Igor Stimac, the Derby manager, Jim Smith, was thankful for the draw. "It's one more point than we got off them last season."

Having survived two firsthalf lapses in defensive concentration, Wimbledon's young striker, Carl Cort, and Robbie Earle unable to punish their carelessness, Derby gave a sterling demonstration of their improvement by claiming a lead eight minutes after the in-

Paulo Wanchope used his height to great advantage to bead Aljosa Asanovic's cross into the path of the Italian Francesco Baiano and enable him to claim his eighth goal in as many Premiership outings.

Wimbledon, though, are nothing if not relentless and deserved to draw level with 20 minutes remaining after their captain, Vinnie Jones, struck a post and the referee, Uriah Rennie, rejected strong appeals for a penalty after a clumsy challenge by Christian

Dailly on Efan Ekoku. As it was, justice was perbaps done when Dailly's attempted headed clearance under pressure from Cort ended up in his own oet - an incident which sparked considerable debate afterwards about the identity of the scorer.

year-old in his first season, attempted to claim it as his sixth in eight matches and the della fender Gary Rowett was credited for a long time before Smith named Dailly as the culprit.

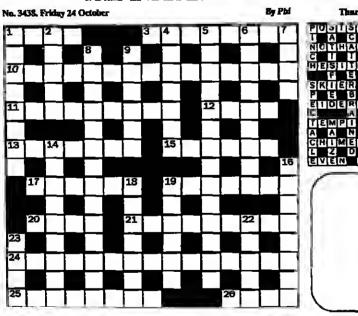
anywhere near it - I think Sam Hammam wants to give it to the young lad Cort because he wants to sell him for £5m," Smith mused, "It was the game we expected from Wimbledon. They are always a side who never give up. They have a game plan and stick to it well.

"Wimbledon deserved a point. We bad a few players missing and the one team you do not want to play when things are like that is Wimbledon beagainst, particularly on your own ground."

the maximum."

They will check on the de fender Ben Thatcher (12 stitches in an ankle) and Ceri Hughes - who was suffering from a virus at Pride Park - before attempting to address their home performances against Leeds on Saturday.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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MOTOR RACING

'Be fair' warning to drivers

With the drivers' championship to be decided in Sunday's final grand prix of the season in Jerez, Spain, on Sunday, a warning has been issued that anyone interfering with the result will face severe penalties.

Without pointing the finger specifically at Michael Schumacher, who leads the championship by one point from Jacques Villeneuve, Max Mosley, president of the sport's governing body, FIA, has warned all the drivers to be very careful about their actions on the track.

"It is going to be made very clear to everybody this time that we want a proper and fair contest," Mosley said. "At the drivers' briefing we will say that we another, believe me."

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do not want anyone to interfere. It is not just a question of Schumacher and Villeneuve - any of the drivers could get involved. People have friends and anybody could theoretically interfere with the championship." Schumacher, however, was

furious at any suggestions that he would cheat his way to a third title. He was much criticised for a collision with Darroo Hill in 1994, which secured the title for the German.

"I want to see a straight fight hetween Jacques and myself," he said. "I want to win the race and the championship, but I don't want to take it after an accident. I have won the title twice but I am still very bungry for

Villeneuve was also insisting that he would not want to win the championship through anything other than his ability. Any collision between himself and the German is likely to take both drivers out of contention, handing the title to Schumacher.

Villeoeuve said: "I bave nothing to gain by an accident. If I was going to do something like that I'd have done it in Suzuka when I had a nine-point lead, not now when I have a one-point deficit.

"When you are driving and you do something unsportsmanlike then you have to live with it. If you are capable of doing that good for you, but I would not be capable of living with it." - Catherine Riley

Tour de France starts late to avoid World Cup

France's favourite sport has had to move its most famous event from its usual place in the calendar to accommodate football's World Cup finals. The Tour de France next summer will not start until early on 11 July, the the traditional opening time-trial will be ridden in Dublin. The Tour then continues into August.

The Republic of Ireland, whose football team does not yet know whether it will be at the World Cup, secured the right to stage the start of the

tribution to the sport by its two most famous riders, Stephen Roche, the Tour winner in 1987, and Seao Kelly. The route will take competitors through the bome towns of both, Dumdrun and Carrickday of the World Cup final, when on-Suir. After the second stage to Cork, the teams will cross the Channel to begin the third stage in Roscoff, on the westem lip of France, on 14 July,

Bastille Day. The route, which totals about 3,850km (2,393 miles). takes the riders south to hit the Tour in recognition of the con- Pyrenees on 21 July. After two

days in the mountains there is a rest day before the 12th stage and the start of a north-easterly trek to the Alps, with a stop on 28 July at Albertville, the main bost of the 1992 Winter Olympics. The Tour ends with the traditional climax on the Champs Elysées on 2 August,

Jan Ullrich, who became the first German to win the race this year, is a strong favorite to win next year. He dominated this year, winning by the largest margin in more than 10 years. Tour schedule, Digest,

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"I don't think Rowett was

Kinnear, whose side have now claimed successive victories at Newcastle and Aston Villa and grabbed a point against a Derby side unbeaten in five matches, stressed: "We would have been disappointed if we had not got a point and if we had had a bit more luck we would have got



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